

JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOLUME 1 (JFTR)**Change 275 — 1 November 2009**

- A. Authorized Personnel. These regulation changes are issued for all persons in the Uniformed Services.
- B. New Regulation Changes. Material new to this change is indicated by an asterisk (*) and is effective 1 November 2009 unless otherwise indicated.
- C. Uniformed Service Principals. The following are the current Uniformed Service Principals:

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- D. Applicable MAP Items. This change includes all material written in the following MAP items: 54-09(E); 55-09(E); 58-09(E); 59-09(E); 62-09(E); 63-09(E); 66-09(E); and 78-09(I) through 81-09(I).

- E. Brief of Revision. The following are this month's major revisions:

INTRODUCTION; U7200-B, C; U7205-A; U7206-A; U7207-A, D; U7300-A, B, C, D; U7305-A, B. Reflects the newly issued DoDI 1327.06 including R&R, SR&R, COT, FEML, and personal emergencies.

INTRODUCTION; U1007-B; U1010-A3; U4250-1; U6005-D1; U9150-B3; U9195-first par., C3, D2; U10028-A3; APP F2-A; and APP N1-D3. Changes T&T Branch to Regulatory Team and PDTATAC Division Chief to PDTATAC Chief.

INTRODUCTION; U4179-A4; U10000-C4; U10022-C2d(4); and U40422-B1c. Changes the Air Force address.

U1039; APP O, T4000. Modifies DTS capability to process specialty travel types.

U1045-C-3. Clarifies wording based on USD memorandum dated 29 Aug 1995, and effective 1 October 1995, stating that DoD travelers are not required to obtain paper non-availability statements to justify reimbursement for commercial lodging and per diem.

U2025-B. Announces the Standard CONUS Per Diem Rate for Fiscal Year 2010.

U3415. Adjusts website links.

U4141-Example; U4149-B & Note; C & Note; U4163; U4165-C; U4167-B; U4173-D1 & 2; U4175-B (Example 1 & 2); U4176; U4183-Table (2); U4255-B1; U4265-C; U4800-E2b(1)(a); U5105-E3; U5106; U5113-A; U5210-D Example 1, 2; U5417-D, E; U5720-E; U6005-G, Example 1, 3, 4; U6054; U7200-C1c Example 3, 4; U7225-C2c; APP R2-J1 & J2. Updates FY10 Standard CONUS Per Diem Rate Calculations.

U5340. Clarifies when HHG are re-weighed, and the result is inconsistent with the first weigh, the employee is charged based upon the lesser weight.

U5475. Adds language taken from the DTR, Part IV, POV Storage which addresses the early removal of a POV from storage before a new PCS order has been issued.

U5630-B15 Note. Emphasizes that partial DLA does not apply to moves between privatized housing.

U7251. Clarifies that TDRL status expires five years after the date when the member's name was placed on the TDRL, or sooner, per the medical reexamination results.

APP A2. Adds DoDFMR (Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation) to list of acronyms.

APP G. Changes GTCC exemption reference from OSD Comptroller Memo to DoDFMR, Vol. 9, Ch 3 where it has been incorporated.

APP Q. Changes tour lengths for DoD civilian employees assigned to Korea.

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INTRODUCTION TO JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOLUME 1 (JFTR) FOR UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS

FOREWORD

The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) publishes these regulations. The Committee is chartered under the Department of Defense (DoD). Its members are a Deputy Assistant Secretary from each of the military departments and the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps (NOAA), the Commandant of the Coast Guard (USCG), and the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service (USPHS). The Committee Chairman is the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy (MPP)).

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

This Volume's regulations pertain to per diem, travel and transportation allowances, relocation allowances, and certain other allowances of Uniformed Service Active Duty and Reserve Component members.

When necessary, a Uniformed Service may supplement these regulations with administrative regulations (see par. U1010), but may not prescribe allowances that differ in amount or type from those authorized by these regulations, unless specifically permitted. DoD administrative regulations that implement these regulations must be submitted to PDTATAC for review and approval before implementation. See 37 USC §1001 and DoD Directive 5154.29.

If there is a headquarters dispersal, each Committee member has authority to prescribe the allowances in these regulations. Each Committee member may issue necessary regulations prescribing travel, transportation, and station allowances (TLA/COLA)//BAH/OHA/FSH/CONUS COLA applicable to that Service (or those Services in the case of the DON) until the headquarters activities again are centralized. At that time, the Committee is again vested with the regulation-issuing authority.

The JFTR is issued under the following authorities:

1. The USC, primarily sections found in Title 37 (especially those sections concerning travel and transportation allowances in Chapter 7) and Title 10;
- *2. DoD Directives, such as DoDD 1315.07, and 5154.29, and DoD Instructions such as DoDI 1315.18, and 1327.06; and
3. Executive Orders and decisions of the U.S. Comptroller General (CG), Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), and the OSD General Counsel (OSDGC).

TRAVEL VOUCHER SETTLEMENT APPEAL AND ADVANCE DECISIONS

Under 31 USC §3702, the SECDEF settles claims involving Uniformed Service members' pay, allowances, travel, transportation, retired pay, and survivor benefits (including those of non-DoD uniformed members). The SECDEF also may issue an advance decision with respect to the same subject areas. The SECDEF has delegated claims settlement appeal authority to the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA).

VOUCHER SETTLEMENT APPEAL

A member appealing a travel voucher settlement must submit the appeal via the local servicing finance office (i.e., the office that made the payment) IAW guidance provided by that Service and IAW detailed procedures set forth in [DoDI 1340.21](#), effective 12 May 2004. <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/134021p.pdf>. It is the member's responsibility to properly submit the travel voucher.

DOHA is the final appeal authority. A member must first submit the appeal via the proper Service address or the direction below. An appeal sent directly to DOHA is not properly submitted.

1. Army/Air Force/Marine Corps: DFAS-IN/JJFT, 8899 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46249-3700
2. Navy: DFAS-PTCA/CO, PO Box 182317, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2317
3. Coast Guard: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801
4. NOAA Corps: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333
5. U.S. Public Health Service: Submit to the proper Operating Division IAW guidance provided by Service agreement.

The address for DOHA is: Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), Claims Division, PO Box 3656, Arlington, VA 22203-1995.

APPEAL PROCESS

An accountable/disbursing officer desiring an advance decision on an issue involving the interpretation of the JFTR must forward that request through appropriate command channels. See Feedback Reporting in this Introduction.

*A disbursing/certifying official, or the a Component Head may request an advance decision on a question involving a payment the disbursing official or Component Head has been requested to make; or a voucher presented to a certifying official for certification. The request must be sent through the General Counsel (GC) of the Component concerned to the GC DoD. See DoDI 1340.21, effective 12 May 2004. A copy of the request should be sent to the PDTATAC Chief.

Throughout the JFTR, Comptroller General (Comp. Gen.) Decisions from the GOV'T Accountability Office (GAO – formerly the General Accounting Office), decisions from the Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), and occasionally decisions from the General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals (GSBCA) or Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA) are referenced. Decisions appearing in the published annual GAO volumes are cited by volume, page number, and date, e.g., 71 Comp. Gen. 530 (1992). Decisions of the Comptroller General that do not appear in the published volumes are cited by the appropriate file number and date, e.g., B-248928, 30 September 1992. DOHA decisions on their website are listed by category, type, year, and case number, e.g., Claims Program, Military Personnel Redacted Decisions, 1999, DOHA Case Number 99030812. In JFTR, these decisions are cited by DOHA claims case number and date, e.g., (DOHA Claims Case No. 97091101, 5 May 1998). GSBCA and CBCA decisions are cited using a GSBCA or CBCA number and date.

For [DOHA](#) information/decisions visit their website at: <http://www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/doha/>.

For [GSBCA](#) decisions visit their website at: <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/>.

For [CBCA](#) decisions visit their website at: <http://www.cbca.gsa.gov/>.

PARAGRAPH NUMBERING SYSTEM

The paragraph numbering system of the JFTR is coordinated with that of the JTR. The letter "U," precedes a JFTR 4- or 5-digit paragraph number (the first or first two digits indicating the chapter number) and subparagraph designators, as shown in the following breakdown. ***NOTE: Not all paragraph numbers are in consecutive numerical sequence (e.g., U1010, U1011, U1012); numbers may be skipped (e.g., U5305, U5310, U5315) so that new paragraphs can be added without changing existing paragraph numbering.***

Paragraph: U5310-B2a(1)(a)

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JFTR references and citations should be in the following format:

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 JFTR, par. U5310-A
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 JFTR, par. U5310-A1a(1)(a)
 JFTR, pars. U5310-U5350

Paragraphs and subparagraphs may contain itemizations. Reference to a specific item should be in the following format:

JFTR, par. U5310-A2
 JFTR, par. U5310-B4a

The most specific reference should be used.

CHANGES

Uniformed Travel Determinations (UTDs) make changes to the JFTR. A UTD is effective on its indicated date. The change in a UTD may be effective on the date published in the JFTR, on the date of signature by the PDTATAC Chair, on a date after the last signature mutually agreed upon by the Services, or, if permitted or required by law, some other date. When an effective date is earlier than the date assigned to the published change page, changes reflect the specific effective date.

Published JFTR changes are numbered consecutively and ordinarily are issued monthly. They contain the text and rate changes directed in determinations. The determinations memoranda included in a published change are shown on the cover sheet of the published change.

New or revised provisions appearing on a change page are indicated by a symbol placed next to the new or revised portion.

Per Diem Bulletins, published in the Federal Register, change the non-foreign OCONUS [per diem rates](#).

FEEDBACK REPORTING

Recommendations for JFTR changes should contain an explanation of, and rationale for, the proposed change. When the proposal relates to an actual situation, the details should be included. Submit feedback reports concerning inadequate per diem rates IAW par. U4179.

Suggestions that would improve this Volume are encouraged. Route them as follows:

1. Army - Through appropriate command channels to: HQDA (DAPE-PRR-C), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300;
2. Navy - Through appropriate command channels to: Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (M&P); Washington Staff/Chief of Naval Personnel (N130E), 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000;
3. Marine Corps - Through appropriate command channels to: Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103;
- *4. Air Force - Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1PA, 2221 S. Clark Street, Crystal Plaza 6 Ste 500, Arlington, VA 22202-3745;
5. Coast Guard - Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801;
6. NOAA Corps - Directly to: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333;
7. U.S. Public Health Service - Directly to: Office of Commissioned Corps Force Management, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061; or
8. Office of the SECDEF and other DoD Components - Directly to: Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, 4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203-1546.

HOW TO GET THE JFTR

[JFTR](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/trvlregs.html) material may be downloaded and printed from the following website:

<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/trvlregs.html>.

PART A: APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

U1000 APPLICATION

A. Authority. The JFTR contains basic statutory regulations concerning a Uniformed Service member's travel and transportation, certain OCONUS station allowances (COLA, TLA), housing allowances (BAH, FSH, and OHA), and CONUS COLA. These regulations have been interpreted to have the force and effect of law. The JFTR is issued primarily under the authority of 37 USC §411 and 37 USC Chapter 7.

B. Application. Each Active and RC member, without regard to the Service, Agency (i.e., DIA), or other GOV'T entity (e.g., DHS, DOS) to which assigned, is covered by JFTR. See APP A, Part I for JFTR definitions of terms and Part II for acronyms.

C. Authorization Not Stated. There may be circumstances under which payment of certain allowances is prohibited in JFTR. Those circumstances are stated. However, the absence of a prohibition does not imply or grant authority or permission for any action for which authority does not exist/is not explicitly allowed in JFTR (i.e., just because the JFTR does not say something cannot be done does not mean that it can be done).

D. Duplicate Payment. A duplicate payment is a GOV'T payment claimed by a traveler for an expense paid/to be paid to the traveler by another entity. If an expense is incurred and reimbursed by another entity that would otherwise be reimbursed by the GOV'T, that expense must not be claimed against, nor paid by the GOV'T. See par. U4165-D for an exception. ***A non-deductible meal as listed in par. U4167 provided to a traveler in a per diem status does not result in a duplicate payment.*** The traveler is financially responsible to the GOV'T for all duplicate travel and transportation allowance payments received. ***This includes any and all allowances covered in these regulations.*** The Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, Public Law 107-300 may apply. See <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/m03-13-attach.pdf>.

U1005 GENERAL

Except as indicated in par. U1006, a member on loan, assignment, or detail to another department or agency is authorized JFTR allowances as opposed to the allowances of the department or agency to which loaned, assigned, or detailed, unless otherwise provided for by law (5 USC §5536).

U1006 COMPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

DIA prescribes regulations in DIA Manual (DIAM) 100-1, Volume 1, Part 4. ***NOTE: DoDD 5154.29 requires that PDTATAC staff review all written material that implements JFTR provisions.*** The DIAM 100-1 provides special allowances for a DoD member, who is a U.S. national, assigned to or in designated training for assignment to a DAS or DIA liaison detachment station outside the U.S or in a non-foreign OCONUS location. The DIAM 100-1 also affects dependents. ***A member may not receive allowances under the DIA regulations and allowances prescribed in JFTR for the same purpose. The member is financially responsible for all duplicate travel and transportation allowances received under par. U1006 authority.*** The allowances include:

1. Environmental and morale leave transportation ***NOTE: Funded EML (FEML) and the 'Special R&R Program', covered under DIAM 100-1, are one in the same program. This means that trips under both programs are not authorized. If a total of two trips are authorized (for a 36-month tour), one may be taken under each program or both under one program. If one trip is authorized for a 24-month tour, only one trip may be taken, but it may be taken under either program.,***

2. Travel and other expenses for dependent education,
3. Home visitation between consecutive tours,
4. Dependent travel ICW TDY,
5. Dependent visitation,
6. Dependent care expenses connected with training of responsible dependents,
7. Dependent representational travel,
8. Removal of dependents and HHG,
9. Transportation of a POV.

Address requests for copies of DIAM 100-1 to Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency, Attn: DA, Washington, DC 20340-5339.

U1007 COMPUTATION RULES

A. Computation Rules. The computation rules in these regulations may be unique to this Volume. Consult the relevant Chapters and Parts to determine the correct computation process for the specific travel and transportation allowances.

1. Use the actual amount without rounding when computing TDY mileage, MALT, TLA/TLE and per diem computation. AEA and [PMR computations](#) are rounded to the next highest dollar with the par. U1007-A2 provisions in force.
2. AEA computation is rounded up to the nearest dollar. For example, \$29.25 = \$30.00. The AEA must not exceed the approved maximum locality per diem rate percentage. ***When AEA for M&IE exceeds the maximum locality AEA M&IE rate, decrease the AEA M&IE rate to the allowable AEA dollar amount and add the extra cents to the AEA lodging rate.*** For example, reduce an AEA M&IE of \$76.50 to \$76 as shown in par. U4265, Example 3.
3. PMR computation is rounded-up to the nearest dollar.

NOTE: A conference lodging allowance is a pre-determined allowance of up to 125 percent of the applicable lodging per diem rate (rounded to the next highest dollar). For example, the locality lodging rate of \$100 may be increased to \$125. A conference lodging allowance is not an AEA and must not used with AEA per diem. See APP R, Part 2, par. M.

B. AEA Limitation. The AEA limit is 300% of the maximum locality per diem rate. For OCONUS travel, the PDTATAC Chief may authorize a per diem rate exceeding 300% only prior to the official travel IAW par. U4250.

U1008 CHAPLAIN-LED PROGRAMS

Title 10 USC §1789 authorizes the Secretary of a military department (i.e., Air Force, Army, Navy) to provide Chaplain-led programs that provide assistance to an active duty and/or RC member in an 'active status' as defined in 10 USC § 10141, and the member's immediate family, in building and maintaining a strong family structure. A chaplain and/or other member ordered, and/or family members authorized, to attend these functions in an *official* capacity as outlined in APP E, Part I are to be sent using an official TDY authorization/order or an ITA, as appropriate. *For all others, the JFTR is not the authority for payments connected with attendance at these programs and the payments are not travel and transportation allowances. An ITA is not used to document attendance at, or payments related to, attendance by an individual participating in an unofficial capacity at these Chaplain-led programs.* The travel-directing/sponsoring organization or agency should be consulted to determine the appropriate funds (for attendees not attending in an official capacity) for these events.

U1010 IMPLEMENTATION

A. Allowance Regulations. *The allowance regulations in this Volume require no further allowances implementation.* When necessary, they may be supplemented by administrative regulations that must not prescribe allowances different from those in these regulations. It is recommended that each supplemental directive paragraph reference the JFTR. [DoDD 5154.29](#) requires that PDTATAC staff review all DoD written material that implements JFTR provisions to ensure per diem, travel and transportation, and other allowances are uniformly applied. Non-DoD Uniformed Services may submit their written material as desired. See par. U1000 for the applicable JFTR provisions which are subject to review by the PDTATAC staff. Written material in Word should be forwarded, via the Service MAP representative found in the Introduction Feedback Reporting section, for review to:

1. Email address: pdtatac@dtmo.pentagon.mil; or
2. Fax: (703) 696-7890 (DSN 312-426-7890); or
3. Mail to:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
Attn: Regulatory Team
4601 North Fairfax Drive
Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

B. Implementation Regulations. Each Service, or Services jointly, should issue implementing administrative and/or procedural directives for certain allowances. The listing below cites allowances that do or should have implementing instructions provided by Service regulations. There may be additional implementing instruction requirements that are not specifically cited below.

1. Completion and submission of travel vouchers (Ch 2, Part F);
2. Appropriate authority/approval level for business-class air travel (par. U3125-B2b);
3. Authorization/order endorsements related to foreign flag carrier use (par. U3125-C3);
4. Meal ticket issuance, use, and care, and for the payment for meals procured with the tickets (par. U1500);

5. Procedures and conditions under which advance payments are authorized including those in:
 - a. Permanent Duty Travel: Ch 5, Parts B (par. U5104); C (par. U5204); D (par. U5319); E2 (par. U5479); F (par. U5560); G (par. U5600); and H (par. U5725) may be paid IAW par. U5020.
 - b. Evacuation Allowances: Ch 6, Parts A and B (pars. U6001-F and U6050-F);
 - c. Recruiting expenses (par. U7033);
 - d. TLA (par. U9157);
 - e. OHA (par. U10028) **NOTE: Advance MIHA is not authorized.**
6. Appropriate separation or retirement activities (pars. U5125-A3 and U5130-A3);
7. Required documentation for personally procured transportation reimbursement or POC travel for dependents ICW a ship being constructed or undergoing overhaul or inactivation (pars. U5222-M5 and U7115-B);
8. Claims for personally procured HHG transportation (par. U5320-D);
9. Member financial responsibility (pars. U2010, U3015, U5340-A2, U5380-A, U5417-A1d, U5420-C, U5445, U5474, and U5520);
10. Personal emergency determination (par. U7205-A);
11. Transportation of the remains of a deceased member and/or a deceased dependent (Ch 5, Part R);
12. Currency loss/gain procedures for OHA (see Service Regulations IAW par. U10028-D);
13. Command sponsorship criteria (APP A DEPENDENT, COMMAND SPONSORED definition);
14. Establishing children's dependency (APP A DEPENDENT definition),
15. CTO/TMC use policy (par. U3120) ;
16. Travel and transportation for a family member incident to the repatriation of a member held captive (par. U5258);
17. Procedures for extending safe haven allowances incident to an evacuation (par. U6054-D2); and
18. Authorization/order writing procedures for certain foreign uniformed personnel (Ch 7, Parts Z1 and Z2).

U1015 EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

Nothing in these regulations provides authority for expenditures for purposes not provided for in appropriations and/or in law.

U1020 REGULATION CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE

A change to this Volume is effective, unless otherwise noted, on the published change date in which it first appears. This date appears in the lower left corner of each page. When an effective date is different from the published change date, that effective date is indicated.

U1025 COMPTROLLER GENERAL (COMP. GEN.), DEFENSE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS (DOHA), GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (GSBCA) OR CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (CBCA), AND OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (OSD) GENERAL COUNSEL (GC) DECISIONS

The application of basic laws, appropriation acts, JFTR, JTR, and departmental instructions to specific travel circumstances is subject to interpretation by the Comp. Gen., DOHA, occasionally GSBCA or CBCA, and OSD GC. Comp. Gen., DOHA, GSBCA, CBCA and OSD GC decisions provide guidance for similar cases/situations involving the same circumstances.

U1030 TERMINOLOGY

The terminology used in JFTR may be unique to this Volume. Consult APP A, and the relevant Chapters and Parts, to determine the exact definition of a specific term. Definitions in JFTR are not necessarily applicable to other Volumes or to other GOV'T regulations.

U1031 REIMBURSEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DOMESTIC DEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES

The SECDEF may provide for reimbursement of a school board member for expenses incurred by the member for travel, transportation, lodging, meals, program fees, activity fees, and other appropriate expenses that the Secretary determines are reasonable and necessary for the performance of school board duties by the member. *See Department of Defense Domestic Dependent School Directives. Department of Defense Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) funds and issues necessary travel authorizations/orders.*

Effective 15 May 2008

U1035 PAY AND ALLOWANCES CONTINUATION (PAC) PROGRAM

If a member is authorized PAC IAW OUSD (P&R) Memorandum, 15 May 2008, and DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 13, the member is authorized IE as part of the PAC even though not in a travel status.

U1039 DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM (DTS)

*A. General. At locations at which DTS has been fielded, TDY vouchers are paid using DTS. The Services must require that the CTO/TMC arrange commercial transportation IAW law, GOV'T policies, agreements and contracted rates using U.S.-certificated carriers and coach/economy-class accommodations whenever possible along usually-traveled routes.

*B. Travel Computed under DTS. DTS covers individual TDY travel for business, travel for schoolhouse training, deployment or personnel traveling together with or without no/limited reimbursement, and certain travel under special circumstances. It does not cover travel for PCS (Ch 5), or evacuation (Ch 6). It does, however, cover RC travel in locations where RC travel has been fielded by the particular Service except for:

1. Senior ROTC,
2. RC member travel for medical and dental care,
3. Retiree called to active duty,

4. A Ready RC member authorized a muster duty allowance, and
5. Active duty for training tours of 140 or more days at one location (except as noted in par. U2146) and active duty for other than training for more than 180 days at one location (except when due to unusual circumstances per diem has been authorized IAW par. U7150-A4b(3)).

TDY performed as part of a PCS move (i.e., TDY en route) is not paid under DTS.

C. AO's Responsibilities. The AO has broad authority to determine when TDY travel is necessary to accomplish the unit's mission, authorize travel, obligate unit travel funds, approve trip arrangements and authorize travel expense incurred ICW that mission and IAW these regulations. The AO must determine the travel purpose (see APP H) for notation on the Trip Record. The information provided by the DTS Reservation Module or directly from the CTO/TMC is central in helping to execute those responsibilities. The AO also must:

1. Use the cost estimate on the Trip Record to determine if the travel budget can support the travel. If the standard arrangements made in compliance with travel policies using GOV'T negotiated airline, lodging and rental car rates do not meet mission needs, the AO may authorize other travel options requested by the traveler, provided they conform to law, regulation, policy and contractual obligations. The AO authorizes the cost estimate.
2. Get information on policies relating to transportation and travel arrangements from the CTO/TMC and TO, command channels or Service headquarters to assist in travel decisions.
3. Assure the traveler has access to a GTCC (the unit's or a CBA) if the traveler does not have a GTCC IBA. Refer inquiries about card usage to the local GTCC program coordinator or the TO.
4. Adhere to policies and procedures IAW these regulations, use good judgment in obligating unit funds, and ensure the traveler receives adequate reimbursement IAW these regulations.
5. Review the amounts claimed on the traveler's expense report as soon after receiving it as possible. The AO's signature on the expense report certifies that the travel was taken, the charges are reasonable, the phone calls authorized for reimbursement are in the GOV'T's best interest, and approves the reimbursement of the authorized expenses. Expense reports are subject to random selection for examination based on financial management directives.
6. Permit a traveler to combine official travel with leave or personal travel. However, contract fare travel must not be used for personal travel (APP P, Part II, item 12). The official portion is to be arranged through the CTO. Transportation reimbursement is authorized for the cost of official round trip travel between duty stations only. The traveler may make other travel plans and pay the excess above the official cost; no excess costs for travel or M&IE are paid by the GOV'T. A member is not authorized per diem on any day leave is charged. ***The AO is not to permit a TDY trip that is an excuse for personal travel.***

D. Traveler's Responsibilities

1. A traveler who does not use a CTO/TMC or the GTCC to purchase transportation must forward the ticket receipt (if \$75 or more) for reimbursement.
2. A traveler updates the trip record as soon as possible after personally making arrangements.
3. When using the DTS for TDY over 45 days, a traveler should include a request for scheduled partial payments with the authorization/order so the traveler is paid every 30 days. This ensures the traveler is paid for expenses in about the same time as the IBA bills are received.

E. A Typical Business Trip

1. Before the Trip

- a. Cost Estimate. A traveler should obtain a should-cost estimate for the trip. It is the key to several travel and trip funding decisions. It lets the traveler and the AO know up-front the standard and actual arrangements, their associated costs, and the allowance maximums. It includes transportation costs to and from the TDY location, lodging costs (including tax), and rental car (if authorized) fees as determined by the DTS Reservation Module or directly from the CTO/TMC. The estimate also must reflect the per diem rate broken out by M&IE and lodging and should also include any known planned miscellaneous expenses. A traveler may ask the CTO/TMC to estimate the amount for using a private vehicle or other commercial transportation.
- b. Tailoring the Trip. The AO decides if the traveler should use non-standard arrangements for mission reasons. The AO may authorize certain changes for the traveler's convenience (for example, using a POC instead of flying). However, the standard arrangement's should-cost estimate (as the AO approves for mission reasons) is the reimbursement baseline.
- c. Authority for Travel. The AO authorizes the TDY, the arrangements, determines the fund cite, and obligates funds to pay for the trip, to include the payment of a travel advance or scheduled partial payment if included. The resulting document is the Trip Record.
- d. Travel Packet. The CTO/TMC updates the Trip Record with the confirmed reservations and commercial ticket information. The TO provides the documents needed for GOV'T transportation if the CTO/TMC does not provide this service.
- e. Paying for Arranged Service and Getting Cash to Pay Expenses while Traveling. The CTO/TMC must charge airline or rail tickets, lodging, and rental car reservations on the traveler's individual or unit GTCC; airline or rail tickets in some cases may be charged to a GTCC CBA. While on the trip, the traveler should charge other expenses incident to official travel on the IBA or unit GTCC whenever possible. For official travel-related expenses that cannot be charged, the traveler can avoid using personal funds by using the IBA to obtain cash advances or travelers checks. An advance is not an option on a unit GTCC.

2. During the Trip

- a. Changing Plans. If travel plans change from the itinerary, the traveler should call the CTO's/TMC's 24-hour 1-800 number, if possible, to have the needed changes made. The AO may approve the changes after the trip is complete. However, it is best if the traveler gets the AO's authority up-front, and has the Trip Record updated. In any case, the traveler is reimbursed only for changes the AO approves on the Trip Record.
- b. Receipts. The traveler must be able to produce each lodging receipt and each receipt for any individual official travel expense of \$75 or more.

3. After the Traveler Returns

- a. Filling out the Expense Report. A traveler should fill out and turn in the Trip Record expense report portion within 5 working days after returning from the trip. The receipts must be attached to the expense report. Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) is the preferred method of reimbursement. Within EFT, the traveler has two options. The traveler may request (a) direct electronic transfer to the GTCC company of expenses charged to the IBA with the remainder going to the traveler's personal bank account, or (b) an electronic transfer of the full amount to the traveler's personal bank account. Under option (a), the traveler does not have to write a check to the GTCC company for official expenses charged.

- b. AO Approval. The AO must approve the expenses on the Trip Record for the traveler to get paid. This includes reviewing the required receipts.
- c. Turning in the Expense Report. If using the DTS, the expense report is automatically routed to a disbursing office for payment. If not using the DTS, a finance office or an office contractually arranged by the traveler's Service or Agency may provide this service. The amount paid is the amount the AO approves.
- d. Random Audits. Random audits of travel expense reports are conducted. The traveler or AO may be required to provide additional information to the audit team.
- e. Lost or Stolen Tickets. See par. U2515.

U1040 GAIN-SHARING PROGRAM

The Gain-Sharing Program is a bonus-oriented incentive program designed to share GOV'T travel and transportation cost savings with a traveler. While authority exists in 5 USC, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1 for a Gain-Sharing Program for civilian employees, there is no known authority for such a program for uniformed personnel. Participation in a Gain-Sharing Program is not covered by, nor addressed in, the JFTR.

U1041 PILOT PROGRAM ON CAREER FLEXIBILITY TO ENHANCE RETENTION

Effective 1 January 2009 through 31 December 2012

Sec 533 of FY09 NDAA (P.L. 110-417) allows the Secretary of each military department to set up a pilot program on career flexibility to enhance retention. The pilot program allows up to 20 enlisted personnel and 20 officers of the Regular Components of each Armed Force each year to be inactivated from active duty to the Ready Reserve to meet personal or professional needs and return to active duty within 3 years. The pilot program runs from calendar years 2009-2012. A member chosen for the pilot program is authorized to select a HOS in the U.S. and receive travel and transportation allowances to that HOS upon release from active duty, rather than being limited to the HOR or PLEAD as described in pars. U5125, U5225, U5360 and U5410-A3. Upon return to active duty the member is authorized travel and transportation allowances from the PLEAD, limited to the HOS at the time of release from active duty (pars. U5000-B3, U5120-A, U5201-A2a, U5222-A1, U5345-A, U5345-B, U5410-A2). A member must return to active duty within 3 years of release but NLT 31 December 2015.

U1045 GOV'T QTRS USE/AVAILABILITY

A. QTRS Available. A member ordered to a U.S. INSTALLATION (as opposed to a geographic location like a town or city) is required to check GOV'T QTRS availability (e.g., through the CTO) at the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY. The AO may direct adequate (based on DoD and Service standards) available GOV'T QTRS use for a uniformed member on a U.S. INSTALLATION only if the uniformed member is TDY to that U.S. INSTALLATION. Availability/non-availability must be documented as indicated in par. U1045-C. A member should use adequate available GOV'T QTRS on the U.S. INSTALLATION at which assigned TDY; *however, when adequate GOV'T QTRS use is directed, those QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which a member is assigned TDY, and the member uses other lodgings as a personal choice, lodging reimbursement is limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY (44 Comp. Gen. 626 (1965)). Per diem cannot, however, be limited based on the presence of 'nearby' GOV'T QTRS (i.e., not on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY but on another 'nearby' U.S. INSTALLATION or other uniformed facility). The documentation of non-availability indicated in par. U1045-C is required only for GOV'T lodging 'AT' the U.S. INSTALLATION at which the member is assigned TDY.*

NOTE 1: FOR COAST GUARD, NOAA, AND PHS PERSONNEL ONLY: GOV'T QTRS are available only if use is directed in the authorization/order.

NOTE 2: *The member is not required to seek (or check for) GOV'T QTRS when TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION after non-availability documentation has been initially provided. Checking QTRS availability is a one-time requirement at a TDY U.S. INSTALLATION. (Ex: A member, who is required to check QTRS availability on arrival at a U.S. INSTALLATION, does so and is issued non-availability documentation, cannot be required to re-check later for QTRS availability at that U.S. INSTALLATION during that TDY period there). See par. U1045-C.*

B. QTRS Not Available. ***GOV'T QTRS are not available:***

1. When a TDY/delay point is at other than a U.S. INSTALLATION;
2. When an AO determines that GOV'T QTRS use would adversely affect mission performance, except for:
 - a. A member attending a service school at a uniformed service facility; and
 - b. An officer in grades O-7 through O-10 who personally determines QTRS availability;
3. During all periods of en route travel;
4. For any TDY/delay of less than 24 hours at one location;
5. When travel is ICW a PCS:
 - a. When per diem is payable under 'MALT-Plus' (see par. U5105-B);
 - b. When a member is authorized concurrent travel, and the family (including the member) cannot lodge together in GOV'T QTRS at a POE/POD; or
 - c. To a ship/afloat staff with an OCONUS home port, and;
 - (1) A member is accompanied by dependents authorized concurrent travel;
 - (2) Is put on TDY at the home port while awaiting ship/staff arrival or onward transportation;and GOV'T QTRS are not available for the entire family; or
6. When a member is TDY at a medical facility as a non-medical attendant accompanying a dependent in an outpatient status. See par. U7551.

C. Travel Authorization/Order or Voucher

1. Documentation. A travel authorization/order/voucher must document availability/non-availability by:
 - a. Confirmation number provided by the Service's lodging registration process;
 - b. The date the member attempted to make reservations, and the phone number and name of the billeting office PoC; or
 - c. Member certification that GOV'T QTRS were not available on arrival.
2. Authorization/Approval. When a member provides acceptable documentation on a travel authorization/order/voucher of GOV'T QTRS non-availability, the AO must authorize/approve reimbursement for commercial lodgings.

*3. Paper Non-Availability Statement Not Required (Effective 1 October 1995). Per USD memorandum, dated 29 August 1995, DoD travelers are not required to obtain paper non-availability statements to justify reimbursement for commercial lodging and per diem.

U1050 CONFERENCE/TRAINING AT THE PDS

Registration fees, meals, lodging, travel, and/or other expenses required for conferences/training at the PDS may not be paid as travel allowances per 37 USC, §404. For authority to pay related training costs at the PDS see 10 USC §2013; 5 USC §4109; 42 USC §218a; and 14 USC §469. The costs must clearly be integral to the training ([39 Comp. Gen. 119 \(1959\)](#); and [B-244473, 13 January 1992](#)). When training events require lodging and subsistence costs at the PDS, authority for training expense payment is made through the training and/or comptroller personnel using the above legal authority.

U1051 HOTEL AND MOTEL FIRE SAFETY - APPROVED ACCOMMODATIONS

GOV'T policy is to save lives and protect property by promoting the use of fire safe hotels and other establishments that provide lodging. Each DoD component must ensure that not less than 90% of all official travelers who use commercial lodgings while on official travel in the U.S. or non-foreign OCONUS areas are booked in fire-safe approved places of public accommodation. Lodgings that meet GOV'T requirements are listed on the U.S. Fire Administration's Internet site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/hotel/index.htm>. Services are in compliance with the 90% requirement if travel arrangements are made through use of an agency-designated TMS (see APP A TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS) definition) whenever possible (5 USC §5707a).

U1055 APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW JFTR

Each command/unit is expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a member and/or AO fails to follow the JFTR. Disciplinary action should be for *willful* violations and may be in the form of counseling (oral/written), non-judicial action, or other appropriate means. Action must *not* be through refusal to reimburse. See par. U3120-A4 for exceptions when reimbursement is *not* allowed.

U1060 REGISTERED TRAVELER PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP FEE

A. General. The Registered Traveler program was developed by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to accelerate the screening process, at participating airports, for travelers who voluntarily enroll in the program.

B. Participation. Participation in this program is voluntary and is not required by the GOV'T. GOV'T fund use to obtain membership in such a program is statutorily prohibited by 5 USC §5946 per [GSA Bulletin FTR 08-05 of 25 June 2008](#).

C. Enrollment Fee. Enrollment fees in this program are *not* reimbursable. See APP G.

PART A: TRAVEL POLICY

U2000 GENERAL

A. Travel and Transportation Policy. The following applies to every uniformed member and/or their dependents:

1. They must use economy (less than premium) -class transportation accommodations unless otherwise provided for in par. U3125-B, U3130, or U3135.
2. Premium (First and Business)-class Travel/Accommodations. (See APP A): See pars. U3125-B2a, U3125-B2b and U3135-C (trains only) to determine whose authority is required for GOV'T-funded premium-class transportation to be provided. See APP H, Part II, Section C, for first-class and Part III, Section B for business-class decision support tool.

NOTE: The travel order MUST include the cost difference shown in items 13 and 14, and the information in items 16 and 17, of APP H, Part II, Section A (Premium-class Travel Reporting Data Elements and Procedures). Example: "Business (or First) –class accommodations have been justified and authorized/approved based on JFTR, par. U3125-B4a. The cost difference between the business-class fare and the coach-class fare is \$765.00. LtGen. Aaaaa Bbbbb, HQ USA/XXXX, authorized/approved this use of premium-class accommodations. Full documentation of the authorization/approval for use of these premium-class accommodations is on file in the office of the premium-class AO."

- a. Requests for premium-class accommodations must be made and authorized in advance of the actual travel unless extenuating circumstances or emergency situations make advance authorization impossible. If extenuating circumstances or emergency situations prevent advance authorization, the member must obtain written approval from the appropriate authority within 7 days of travel completion. If premium-class travel is not approved after-the-fact, the member is responsible for the cost difference between the premium-class transportation used and the transportation class for which the member (and/or dependents(s)) was/were eligible. A travel order authorizing premium-class accommodations due to extenuating circumstances or emergency situations must clearly explain the situation circumstances (i.e., not simply state the JFTR phrase, but provide the background and justification to enable an audit of the upgrade rationale) and include the difference in cost between the premium-class and coach-class fares, authority and authorization source (memo/letter/message/etc.), including date and position identity of the signatory for premium-class). Appropriate GOV'T transportation documents must be annotated with the same information.
- b. Only a person senior to the member may authorize/approve premium-class accommodations for the member/dependents (DoD 4500.9-R, par. E.3.1.4, Encl 3, 12 February 2005). See par. U3125-B2.
- c. Premium-class accommodations may be authorized/approved by the premium-class AO due to medical reasons only if competent medical authority certifies sufficient justification of disability or other special medical need exists and that the medical condition necessitates (for a specific time period) the accommodations upgrade. The premium-class AO must be able to determine that, at the time of travel, premium-class accommodations are/were necessary because the member or dependent is/was so disabled or limited by other special medical needs that other lower-cost economy accommodations (e.g., 'bulk-head' seating, or providing two economy seats) cannot/could not be used to meet the traveler's/dependent's requirements.

NOTE: The attendant who is authorized transportation under par. U7250-B or U7251-B may be authorized/approved for premium-class accommodations use to accompany the attended member or dependent, when the attended member or dependent is authorized premium-class accommodations use and requires the attendant's services en route. Authorization for one member of a family to use premium-class accommodations due to a disability does not authorize the entire family to use premium-class accommodations during official travel. Premium-class authorization is limited to the disabled traveler and attendant (if required). See APP A SPECIAL NEEDS definition.

d. Use of premium-class accommodations is not authorized during travel incident to PCS, COT leave, emergency leave, R&R, FEML, or personnel evacuations unless for physical handicap or medical reasons in par. U2000-A2c.

3. Travel other than by a usually traveled route must be justified.

4. A member or dependent may not be provided contract city-pair airfares provided under GSA contract (see APP P) or any other airfares intended for official GOV'T business for any portion of a circuitous route traveled for personal convenience.

5. The member and/or dependent(s) is/are personally financially responsible for any additional expense accrued by not complying with par. U3125-C.

6. Personnel directives dictate if/how leave is to be charged for workday time not justified as official travel.

7. A member may voluntarily use/accept, and the GOV'T may furnish, accommodations that do not meet minimum standards if the member's or Service's needs require use of these accommodations.

8. A member may not be reimbursed for travel at personal expense (see par. U3120-D) on non-U.S.-certificated ships/aircraft, except as specified in par. U3130-F.

9. Each dependent is allowed a seat.

B. Service Responsibility. Each Service must:

1. Authorize only travel necessary to accomplish the GOV'T's mission effectively and economically.

2. Establish internal controls to ensure that only travel essential to the GOV'T's needs are authorized.

U2010 OBLIGATION TO EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN TRAVEL

A. A member must exercise the same care and regard for incurring expenses to be paid by the GOV'T as would a prudent person traveling at personal expense.

B. A traveler must maintain records to validate individual expenses of \$75 or more and for all lodging costs. All receipts should be maintained as required by finance regulations.

C. Excess costs, circuitous routes, delays or luxury accommodations that are unnecessary or unjustified are the member's financial responsibility.

D. Travelers are advised that the Army Lodging Success Program, Navy Elite Lodging Program, and GSA's FedRooms Lodging Program provide quality lodging at or below per diem and properties often are close to worksites at TDY locations. ***NOTE: The FedRooms Lodging Program is indicated by the use of an 'XVU' rate code as opposed to a 'GOV' or other rate code.*** Use of lodging facilities in these programs often results in cost savings to the GOV'T. Not all programs are available to all travelers.

U2015 GOV'T TRAVEL CHARGE CARD (GTCC) USE

A. General Policy. "It is the general policy of DoD that the (GTCC) be used by DoD personnel to pay for all costs incidental to official business travel, including travel advances, lodging, transportation, rental cars, meals and other IE, unless otherwise specified," (OSD (C) memo of 28 March 1995, subject: Travel/Reengineering Implementation Memorandum #2--Maximized Use of the Travel Charge Card).

B. DoD Policy. *The policies and procedures for the GTCC program (including central billing and unit cards) are found in the DoDFMR(DoD 7000.14-R), Volume 9, "Travel Policy and Procedures." The [DoD Comptroller Finance Management Regulation](http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/) website is found at <http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/>.*

C. Non-DoD Policy. The policies and procedures for the GTCC program are found in Service regulations.

D. Centrally Billed Account (CBA)/Individually Billed Account (IBA) Statements. A statement must be on each travel authorization/order indicating whether transportation tickets ordinarily are purchased using a GTCC CBA or an IBA. *This statement alerts voucher examiners when a transportation cost shows up as a reimbursable expense, and assists in preventing duplicate payments.*

NOTE: [DoDFMR 7000.14-R, Volume 9, Chapter 3, par. 030607](http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/fmr/09/09_03.pdf) (available at: http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/fmr/09/09_03.pdf) indicates the purposes for which a DoD GTCC may be used. Charging personal travel expenses is GTCC misuse. A DoD traveler who misuses the GTCC is subject to administrative or disciplinary action. To prevent misuse of the GTCC IBA and city-pair airfares for leisure travel, a copy of the relevant travel authorization/order must be provided to the CTO/TMC before the final ticketing. Electronic DTS generated authorizations, available on line for viewing or reproducing, suffice to meet this requirement and preclude the necessity of the authorization being physically provided. A CTO/TMC may issue tickets for official travel authorized by proper oral, letter, or message authority if travel must begin or is performed before a written travel authorization/order is issued; however, the official who directed the travel is responsible for providing a confirmatory travel authorization/order to the CTO/TMC as soon as possible.

U2020 OFFICIAL DISTANCE DETERMINATION

A. POC (Except Airplane). The DTOD:

1. Is the only official source for worldwide PCS and TDY distance information.
2. Replaces all other sources used for computing distance (except for airplanes see par. U2020-B below).

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3. Uses zip code to zip code distance within the CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas and city to city distance elsewhere (e.g., within foreign locations or to/from foreign locations).

NOTE: All DoD facilities (CONUS and OCONUS) are supposed to be listed in the DTOD. If a facility cannot be located, SDDC should be informed of the missing location. A missing facility can be added to the DTOD system. All feedback should be directed through the [DTOD](http://dtod.sddc.army.mil) website at <http://dtod.sddc.army.mil>.

4. Provides distances which must be rounded to the nearest mile for each leg of a journey.
5. Does **not** apply to the following travel distances that are determined by odometer readings:
 - a. In and around the PDS/TDY sites,
 - b. Between home/office and transportation terminal,
 - c. For short distance moves, within the same city, or
 - d. Round trip travel between home and active duty tour site for an RC member performing active duty when the member commutes under the provisions of par. U7150-A1b.
6. [Website](http://dtod.sddc.army.mil) is found at <http://dtod.sddc.army.mil>.

B. Privately Owned Airplane

1. When privately owned airplane use is authorized/approved for transportation, the distance between origin and destination must be determined from aeronautical charts issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
2. If adverse weather, mechanical difficulty, or unusual conditions cause necessary detours, the additional air distance must be explained.
3. If distance cannot be determined by aeronautical charts, the flight time multiplied by the aircraft's cruising speed is used to determine distance.

C. Official Distance Use. The official distance is used in determining the distance between any two of the locations listed in par. U3010.

D. Personally Procured Moves. The DTOD (shortest distance) is the only official source for distances for personally procured moves.

U2025 STANDARD CONUS PER DIEM RATE

A. The Standard CONUS per diem rate is the rate for any CONUS location not included in a defined locality (county/area) in the CONUS [per diem rates](#).

*B. The Standard CONUS per diem rate is:

*Effective 1 October 2009		
<u>LODGING</u>	<u>M&IE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$70	*\$46	*\$116

PART E: TRAVEL BY TAXICAB, SPECIAL CONVEYANCE, BUS, STREETCAR, SUBWAY OR OTHER PUBLIC CONVEYANCE

U3400 GENERAL

This Part prescribes the allowable reimbursements for commonly incurred expenses associated with public or special conveyances use during TDY or PCS travel. For non-PCS/TDY transportation expenses incurred in and around duty stations, see Part F.

U3405 MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

A member may be reimbursed for miscellaneous transportation-related reimbursable expenses described in this Part which are incurred for travel between two points that are a separate journey (see par. U3010) when TDY mileage is not payable, even though the member begins or ends in a TDY mileage status during the same calendar day. A member who is paid TDY mileage for the entire journey may not be reimbursed for miscellaneous reimbursable transportation expenses.

U3410 TAXICAB/LIMOUSINE SERVICE USE

A. To/From Transportation Terminal. Reimbursement is authorized for taxi/limousine service fares plus tip as follows:

1. Between place of residence, lodging, or place of duty at the PDS or TDY station and the transportation terminal;
2. Between transportation terminals to change conveyance when a free timely transfer is not provided; or
3. From transportation terminal to lodging and return when needed due to en route transportation delays beyond the member's control; and
4. Between a transportation terminal and limousine service terminal.

The member's PDS boundary for travel reimbursement to/from a transportation terminal serving that area includes the place, within a reasonable distance, from which the member commutes daily to/from the place of duty.

B. Between Residence and PDS on the Day Travel Is Performed. Reimbursement is authorized for taxi/limousine fares plus tip from the member's residence to the PDS on the member's departure day on TDY requiring at least one night's lodging, and from the PDS to the residence on the return day from the TDY.

U3415 SPECIAL CONVEYANCE USE

A. General. An AO may authorize/approve a special conveyance when to the GOV'T's advantage. A traveler's personal preference or minor inconvenience must not be the basis for authorizing/approving special conveyance use. When the AO does not authorize/approve special conveyance use, reimbursement is limited to the appropriate TDY POC mileage rate in par. U2600 plus constructed per diem for the official distance NTE the GOV'T's constructed cost. See par. U3310-A.

B. Selecting a Rental Vehicle

1. Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR), (DoD 4500.9-R) Part I, Passenger Movement, Chapter 106, Policy (website address: http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtrpart1/dtr_part_i_106.pdf)

a. *It is mandatory, within DoD and in the NOAA Corps, to obtain rental vehicles through the CTO/TMC, when available. **NOTE:** It is not mandatory to use a CTO/TMC when renting an airplane or bus.*

b. The lowest cost rental service that meets the mission requirement must be selected when selecting commercially rented vehicles.

c. Use of a company and rental car location participating in the [DTMO](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) rental car agreement is encouraged because its GOV'T rate includes full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the traveler and the GOV'T. ***NOTE: To view appropriate rental car companies and rates go to the [DTMO](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) website at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil> and click on Car/Truck Programs in the left-hand column. A vehicle listed in the rental car agreement on the [DTMO](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) website is covered under the DTMO rental-car agreement. A vehicle, offered by a company that is under the DTMO rental car agreement but not listed on the DTMO list as a vehicle "in that category", does not have the full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the traveler and the GOV'T and should not be rented for official GOV'T travel. Usually, there is at least one company listed that has a vehicle necessary for official GOV'T travel and this company should be used.***

Example: Rental Car Company A may have a standard SUV to rent listed on the [DTMO](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) website. If this type SUV is rented, it is covered under the DTMO rental car agreement and has full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the GOV'T traveler traveling on official GOV'T business. However, Rental Car Company B may not list any SUVs on the [DTMO](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) website but may have an SUV to rent at the rental office at which a traveler picks up the vehicle. If the traveler rents an SUV from Rental Car Company B who does not have SUVs listed on the DTMO website as participating vehicle under the DTMO rental car agreement, the SUV is not covered with liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage and should not be rented for official GOV'T travel.

d. A traveler disregarding rental car arrangements made by a CTO/TMC may be required to provide justification for additional rental car costs before reimbursement is allowed.

e. For policies, instructions, and guidance regarding motor pools and rental of automobiles from commercial rental companies, see [DTR, Part I, Chapter 106](#) and Service regulations.

2. [Defense Travel Management Office \(DTMO\)](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) Policy (website address: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil>)

a. [DTMO](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) vehicle rental agreements apply to all DoD components and activities and non-Defense GOV'T Agencies.

b. Current domestic and foreign rental car ceiling rates and additional rental vehicle information may be obtained from:

Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO)
Commercial Travel Division
Travel Management Branch
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

or via the DTMO website at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil>.

3. Reimbursement. When an available CTO/TMC is not used, reimbursement is limited to what it would have cost if a CTO/TMC had made the rental vehicle arrangements.

4. Non-DoD Services. For CTO/TMC use ICW rental cars, see Service regulations.

C. [Special Conveyance \(Includes Aircraft\) Reimbursement](#)

1. [Reimbursable Expenses](#)

a. ***It is mandatory to obtain a rental vehicle (except for an aircraft or a bus) through the CTO/TMC per TRANSCOM policy, when the CTO/TMC is available.***

- b. The AO may authorize/approve an appropriately sized vehicle IAW mission requirements when a compact car (the 'standard' for TDY travel) does not meet the requirement.
- c. When the AO authorizes/approves special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the following reimbursements are authorized per APP G:
- (1) Rental cost, tax and local assessments on rental vehicle users, necessary gas and oil, aircraft landing and tie-down fees, and transportation to and from the rental facility.
 - (2) Parking; ferry fares; bridge, road and tunnel tolls; traveler access fee (when charged); any per-day GARS called for in the DTMO rental car agreements; garage (POC parking is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense), hangar or boathouse rental; operator's subsistence; and optional extra collision hull insurance for rental aircraft.
 - (3) Mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries.
 - (4) A claim for damage to a rental vehicle, while the vehicle is being used for official business, may be reimbursable to the traveler or the rental car company when appropriate as a miscellaneous reimbursable transportation expense. The claim must be adjudicated as payable per the DoDFMR, Volume 9, Chapter 4, (found at <http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/>) or appropriate Service directives for the non-DoD Services.
- d. The AO has authority to authorize/approve the following rental-related expenses when a special conveyance/rental vehicle is authorized/approved for official business. ***Reimbursement for purchase of any items is not authorized.***
- (1) Snow tires and similar non-standard equipment necessary for travel by the GOV'T renter, may incur additional charges which are reimbursable when authorized in the travel authorization/order. Reimbursement is limited to the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for the required non-standard equipment. A traveler who disregards a special conveyance arrangement made by a CTO/TMC must be prepared to provide justification for additional special conveyance costs before reimbursement (beyond the cost using the CTO/TMC) is allowed.
 - (2) Global Positioning System (GPS) rental when necessary for the official use.
 - (3) Toll Collection Transponder installed in rental car when necessary for official use (for both tolls and daily/weekly fee). ***Activation of the Toll Collection Transponder installed in a rental car for optional use is not reimbursable unless the AO can determine it was necessary for official business.***

2. Rented Automobile Insurance

NOTE: See par. U3415-B1c for information on other vehicles that are not covered with liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance for the traveler or the GOV'T when rented for official GOV'T travel.

- a. Insurance Cost. The cost of buying collision insurance (e.g., Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) Adjustment, Theft Protection, etc.) is reimbursable only if:
- (1) The insurance is required by the rental agency in a foreign area or country to provide full coverage insurance but only when renting an automobile, or
 - (2) Certain classified special operations are involved.

b. Rented Motor Vehicle Damage. A member may be reimbursed for personal funds paid to car rental companies for damage sustained by a rented motor vehicle that is damaged in the performance of official business if the claim is adjudicated as being payable. The GOV'T may make direct payment to car rental companies instead of to the member, if appropriate. In either case, the reimbursement is a miscellaneous reimbursable transportation expense. ***Reimbursement for personal funds paid for damage sustained by a rented automobile while being used on other than official business is not authorized.***

c. Damage Claims. Requests from a member, or from a rental company for reimbursement or payment should be documented and submitted IAW the DoDFMR, Volume 9, Chapter 4, (*found at website <http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/>*), or appropriate Service regulations for the non-DoD Services. Statements, itemized bills, and an accident report are typical requirements ([47 Comp. Gen. 145 \(1967\)](#)).

3. Special Conveyance Receipts. See par. U2500-B.

NOTE:

1. A traveler is not reimbursed for rental car insurance coverage purchased in the United States or in a non-foreign OCONUS location regardless of from whom the rental car is rented.

2. Reimbursement for personal funds paid for damage sustained by a rented automobile while being used on other than official business is not authorized.

3. Some vehicles are not covered with liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance for the traveler or the GOV'T when rented for official GOV'T travel. To view appropriate rental car companies and rates go to the DTMO website at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil> and click on Car/Truck Rental Agreements in the left-hand column. A vehicle listed in the rental car agreement on the DTMO website is the only vehicle covered under the DTMO rental-car agreement. A vehicle, offered by a company that is under the DTMO rental car agreement but not listed on the DTMO list as a vehicle "in that category", does not have the full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the traveler and the GOV'T, and should not be rented for official GOV'T travel. Usually, there is at least one company listed that has a vehicle necessary for official GOV'T travel and this company should be used.

D. To/From Transportation Terminals. The member:

1. May be authorized/approved special conveyance use for travel to and from local transportation terminals;
2. May be authorized/approved special conveyance use to, from, and between transportation terminals, other than local terminals, by the AO when neither public nor GOV'T transportation between the terminals meets the ordered travel requirements; and
3. Cannot be directed to use a special conveyance for transportation to/from transportation terminals.

E. Between Duty Stations. The AO may authorize/approve travel by special conveyance to, from, or between TDY stations under circumstances not permitting travel by the usual transportation modes, or when special conveyance use is determined to be advantageous to the GOV'T. Reimbursement is authorized for the total expense incurred in the conveyance use. For rental vehicle use on a PCS, see par. U5105-A.

F. Special Conveyance Use in and around PDS or TDY Station. For reimbursement for special conveyance use within and around the PDS and TDY station, see Part F.

G. Limited to Official Purposes. Special conveyance use is limited to official purposes, including transportation to and from ([65 Comp. Gen. 253 \(1986\)](#)):

1. Duty sites,
2. Lodgings,

3. Dining facilities,
4. Drugstores,
5. Barber shops,
6. Places of worship,
7. Cleaning establishments, and
8. Similar places required for the traveler's subsistence, health or comfort.

U3420 BUS, STREETCAR, AND SUBWAY USE

A. To/From Transportation Terminals. Reimbursement is authorized for bus, streetcar, and subway fares as follows:

1. Between places of residence, lodging, or duty at the PDS or TDY station and the transportation terminal;
2. Between transportation terminals to change conveyance when free/timely transfer is not provided; or
3. From transportation terminal to lodging and return when needed due to en route transportation delays beyond the member's control.

The member's PDS boundary for travel reimbursement to/from a transportation terminal serving that area includes the place, within a reasonable distance, from which the member commutes daily to/from the place of duty.

B. Between Residence and PDS on the Day Travel Is Performed. Reimbursement is authorized for bus, streetcar, and subway fares from the member's residence to the PDS on the member's departure day on TDY when the TDY requires at least one night's lodging and from the PDS to the member's residence on the return day from TDY.

U3430 COURTESY TRANSPORTATION USE

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U4100 GENERAL

Per diem is designed to offset the cost of lodging, meals and incidental expenses incurred while performing travel, and/or TDY away from the PDS. Per diem is payable for whole days, except for PDS departure/return days that are reimbursed IAW par. U4147. *The per diem rate is determined based on the TDY location, not the lodging location.* See par. U4129-G if neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodgings are available at the TDY location.

NOTE: *When the TDY point or new PDS is a reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) that falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky)), the per diem rate is the locality rate specifically listed for the reservation, station or other established area. When the location (reservation, station or other established area) is not specifically listed in the per diem tables, the applicable per diem rate is based on the front gate location for the reservation, station or other established area. Refer to the [U.S. Census Bureau website](http://quickfacts.census.gov/cgi-bin/qfd/lookup) (<http://quickfacts.census.gov/cgi-bin/qfd/lookup>) which can help determine in which county a destination is located. If the specific location (e.g., city or town) is not listed in the per diem list, but the county is, then the county per diem rate is the rate for that entire county – including all encompassed cities and towns. If neither the city/town nor the county is listed, that area is a [Standard CONUS](#) per diem rate location. See par. U2025 for the current [Standard CONUS](#) per diem rate.*

U4101 WHEN IS PER DIEM AUTHORIZED

Unless otherwise specifically provided for or restricted in JFTR, the per diem prescribed in this Part applies for all TDY periods, and related travel, including but not limited to the following:

1. Periods of necessary delay awaiting further transportation,
2. Periods of delay at POEs and PODs ICW a PCS,
3. TDY periods directed in a PCS authorization/order,
4. Delays to qualify for reduced travel fares (see par. U4326-E).

U4102 CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PER DIEM IS NOT AUTHORIZED

A. When Not in a Travel Status. A member is not authorized per diem for any day before the day during which a travel status begins or for any day after a travel status ends. See par. U2200-C.

B. Day of Leave or Proceed Time. A member is not authorized per diem on any day classified as leave or proceed time. See par. U7225 when on leave during a CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY or par. U7226 when on leave from a TDY site to visit evacuated dependents at a safe haven location.

NOTE: *A day used in a constructed PCS mixed-mode travel computation does not make that day a travel day. See par. U5160.*

C. When PCS 'MALT-Plus' Per Diem Is Paid. A member is not authorized 'Lodgings-Plus' per diem for any day that PCS 'MALT-Plus' per diem is paid.

D. Travel or TDY within PDS Limits. Except as authorized in par. U4105-H, a member is not authorized per diem for travel or TDY performed within the PDS limits. This does not preclude per diem payment on the departure day from or return day to the PDS ICW TDY away from the PDS. For transportation allowances see Ch 3. Par. U4102-D does not prohibit reimbursement under par. U4510 for occasional meals and QTRS necessarily procured within the PDS limits by a member escorting arms control inspection team/a member while engaged in activities related to the implementation of an arms control treaty or agreement during the in-country period referred to in the treaty or agreement (DoD Authorization Act, FY93, P.L. 102-484, dated 23 October 1992.) Except as indicated below, per diem is not payable at the old or new PDS for TDY en route ICW PCS travel. This applies even if the member vacated the permanent QTRS at the old PDS and lodged in temporary QTRS during the TDY. **Exception:** A member who detaches (signs out PCS) from the old PDS, performs TDY en route elsewhere, and returns TDY en route to the old PDS is authorized per diem at the old PDS ([B-161267, 30 August 1967](#)). Example: A member departs the Pentagon (in Arlington, VA) PCS on 15 June, performs TDY en route at Ft. Leavenworth 1 -31 July, returns TDY en route to the Pentagon 5-15 August, and then signs in PCS to Ft. Polk on 31 August. The member is authorized per diem at the Pentagon (old PDS) 5-15 August. If the member had departed on 15 June but performed TDY in Arlington, VA, first, no per diem is payable for the TDY in Arlington immediately after detachment. This does not preclude per diem 'IE' payment IAW par. U1035 for a member hospitalized at the PDS.

E. TDY within the PDS Local Area (Outside the PDS Limits). A member is not authorized per diem for TDY performed within the PDS local area (outside the limits) as defined in par. U3500-B, unless overnight lodging is required. Occasional meals may be paid under par. U4510 when the member is required to procure meals at personal expense outside the PDS limits. For transportation allowances, see par. U3001. This does not preclude per diem 'IE' payment IAW par. U1035 for a member hospitalized within the PDS local area.

F. Round Trip within 12 Hours. A member is not authorized per diem for TDY that is performed entirely within 12 hours. Occasional meals may be reimbursed under par. U4510 when the member is required to procure a meal/meals at personal expense outside the PDS limits. See Ch 3 for transportation allowances.

G. Members Traveling Together with No/Limited Reimbursement. Members traveling together under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement (see par. U4102-O) are not authorized per diem except as noted in par. U4102-P. Occasional meals or QTRS necessarily procured are paid under par. U4510.

H. Navigational and Proficiency Flights. *A member is not authorized per diem for a navigational and proficiency flight when the flight is authorized at the member's request.*

I. Assigned to Two-crew Nuclear Submarines. A member under a PCS authorization/order is not authorized per diem after 2400 on the day the member, assigned to a two-crew nuclear submarine (SSBN), arrives at the ship's home port and no further travel is performed away from the home port under that authorization/order ([57 Comp. Gen. 178 \(1977\)](#)).

J. TDY or Training Duty aboard a GOV'T Ship. A member is not authorized per diem for any TDY period or training duty aboard a GOV'T ship when both GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are available. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day aboard and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. ***There is no per diem paid for the first and/or last travel day by GOV'T ship when it departs from the port at the member's PDS and/or returns to the port at the PDS.*** The TDY training duty is unbroken when a member transfers between GOV'T ships at the same place and the transfer is made within a 10-hour period. When QTRS are required to be retained at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement for the cost of such QTRS is made under par. U4135.

K. Aboard Ship Constructed by a Commercial Contractor. A member is not authorized per diem for the period aboard a ship constructed by a commercial contractor during acceptance trials before commissioning when both QTRS and all meals are furnished without charge. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day aboard and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. When QTRS are required to be retained at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement for the cost of such QTRS is made under par. U4135.

L. Field Duty. A member on field duty is not authorized per diem except when the:

1. Senior commander in charge of the exercise (or designated representative) for each operating location issues a statement to the member indicating that either GOV'T QTRS at no charge or GOV'T meals at no charge for an enlisted member (or both), were not available during stated field duty periods;
2. Member is participating in the operation advance planning or critique phase; or
3. Secretary Concerned authorized payment of a per diem to a member who is performing field duty while in a travel status under par. U4105-D.

The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the day on which field duty begins and ends at 2400 on the day before the day on which it ends. Par. U4102-L does not prohibit reimbursement under par. U4510 for occasional meals or QTRS necessarily procured. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***

M. TDY aboard Foreign (Non-government) Ship. A member is not authorized per diem for any TDY period aboard a non-government foreign ship when both QTRS and all meals are furnished without charge. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the day of arrival on board and ends at 2400 on the day before the day of departure. If a member is required to retain unoccupied QTRS at the location where TDY was performed just before performing duty aboard a non-government foreign ship, reimbursement for the cost of such QTRS must be made under par. U4135.

N. Member in a Missing Status. A member is not authorized per diem after 2400 of the day the member is officially carried as or determined to be absent in a missing status under the Missing Person Act ([44 Comp. Gen. 657 \(1965\)](#)).

O. Members Traveling Together. 'Members traveling together' refers to travel away from the PDS during which the mission requires the travelers to remain together as a group while actually traveling. Ordinary travel reimbursements apply unless the members' authorization/order directs limited or no reimbursement, in which case transportation, food, lodging, and other items ordinarily reimbursed, must be provided without cost to the members. ***No per diem is payable on days members travel when the authorization/order directs limited or no reimbursement for members traveling together.*** The restriction applies to per diem payment only on the travel days between duty locations and does not include per diem for full days at the duty locations. The per diem prohibition begins when the member departs the PDS and ends at 2400 the day the member arrives at the TDY location. The prohibition begins again at 0001 the departure day from the TDY location and continues until arrival at the PDS. ***Directing several members to travel together with limited or no reimbursement must never be done simply to save travel funds.*** If meals or QTRS are not available occasional meals and QTRS are paid under par. U4510. Limited reimbursement refers to reimbursement for occasional meals and QTRS.

P. Straggler. A member, who becomes separated from the others while traveling as one of several members traveling together under an authorization/order directing limited or no reimbursement, must be provided for in the manner prescribed in Ch 7, Part N.

U4105 PER DIEM PAYABLE IN SPECIFIC CASES

A. TDY ICW Fitting-out or Conversion of a Ship or Service Craft. A member, assigned to TDY ICW fitting-out or conversion of a ship (or service craft) is authorized per diem during each fitting-out or conversion period. This period includes the day the ship is commissioned or service craft is placed in-service and day the ship is decommissioned or service craft is placed out-of-service. Per diem authority ends on the date the member's assignment is changed from TDY ICW fitting-out or conversion of a ship (or service craft) to permanent duty aboard that ship (or service craft) (or from permanent duty aboard the ship ICW ship decommissioning or service craft placement out-of-service), even if that status change is effected prior to the ship commissioning/ decommissioning or service craft placement in- (or out-of-) service date. Par. U4102-K applies after a ship, or service craft, under construction is delivered to the GOV'T.

B. Travel by U.S. or Foreign Government Ship for 24 or More Hours

1. Member Not Charged for Meals. A member is not authorized per diem when traveling aboard a U.S. or foreign government ship when meals are furnished without charge, except on days of embarkation and debarkation if otherwise authorized under par. U4105-C.

2. Member Charged for Meals. A member traveling aboard a U.S. or foreign government ship, other than an oceangoing car ferry, of 24 or more hours as a passenger (except those aboard for TDY or training) who is charged for meals is authorized per diem equal to the cost of the meals furnished, except on the embarkation and debarkation days.

C. Travel, TDY Aboard a Commercial Ship or a U.S. GOV'T Ship Totally Leased for Commercial Operation. Except for the days of arrival/embarkation and departure/debarkation, for travel aboard a commercial ship, a per diem rate equal to the anticipated expenses should be set. The AO should state in the authorization/order the circumstances warranting the rate.

D. Field Duty. The Secretary Concerned may authorize a per diem rate in a lesser amount for a unit deployed OCONUS away from the unit's PDS. This rate is paid in lieu of the prescribed rate regardless of the OCONUS location and may be paid during periods that would otherwise be field duty, taking into account the reduced expenses, if any, a member would have while performing field duty during the period covered by the authorization/order. The authorized rate should be paid for the specified time period and be such that the total per diem paid during the entire period that the member is subject to the authorized rate is about equal to the per diem rate that would have been received for the same period, calculated IAW the computation procedures in this Part and excluding the time during which the member performs field duty. The Secretary Concerned may delegate this authority to prescribe such a rate to a chief of an appropriate bureau or staff agency of the appropriate Department headquarters or to a commander of an appropriate naval systems command headquarters, but there may be no further re-delegations. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***

E. Member Dies while in a TDY Status. When a member dies while in a TDY status, per diem accrues through the date of death. Reimbursement for transportation, TDY mileage, or MALT, accrues from the PDS, old station, or last TDY station (as appropriate) to the place of death NTE the ordered travel official distance.

F. Ordered to TDY while on Leave. ***Par. U4105-F applies only if the need for the TDY is unknown to the member prior to the member's departure on leave.*** If the TDY is known by the member before departure on leave, the member is reimbursed actual travel expenses NTE the constructed round-trip cost between the PDS and TDY location. ***City-pair airfares are not authorized for use to/from the leave point if the TDY requirement is known before leave is begun. See APP P2.***

1. TDY at Leave Point. A member on leave away from the PDS, who receives a TDY authorization/order to perform TDY at the leave point, is authorized per diem for the TDY performed in compliance with the authorization/order.

2. TDY at other than Leave Point

a. Authorized to Resume Leave upon TDY Completion. A member on leave away from the PDS, who receives a TDY authorization/order to other than the leave point, is authorized round-trip transportation and per diem for travel between the leave address (or the place at which the authorization/order is received, whichever applies), and the TDY location. See par. U3100-B. TDY allowances are payable at the TDY location.

b. Directed to Return to PDS upon TDY Completion. A member away from the PDS, who receives a TDY authorization/order at other than the leave point, is authorized transportation and per diem for travel from the:

(1) Leave address (or place at which the authorization/order is received, whichever applies), to the TDY station (see par. U3100-B), and

- (2) TDY station to the PDS.

TDY allowances are payable at the TDY location.

c. Directed to Proceed to New PDS upon TDY Completion. A member is authorized PCS travel and transportation allowances for travel performed from the:

- (1) Old PDS to the leave address or to the place at which the authorization/order was received, whichever applies, NTE in either case the official distance from the old PDS to the new PDS; and
- (2) Leave address or place at which the authorization/order is received, as applicable, to the TDY station; and
- (3) TDY station to the new PDS.

TDY allowances are payable at the TDY location.

G. Authorization/Order Canceled while the Member Is en route to a TDY Station. If a TDY authorization/order is canceled while a member is en route to a TDY station, round trip travel and transportation allowances are authorized from the PDS (or residence, as appropriate) to the point at which the cancellation notification was received (includes a leave point) and return to the PDS, NTE the round trip distance from the PDS to the TDY station. Per diem is not authorized for any day on which member was in a leave status ([51 Comp. Gen. 548 \(1972\)](#)).

H. TDY within the PDS Limits. Travel and transportation allowances are authorized for a member performing TDY (other than at the member's residence or normal duty location) within the limits of a PDS when authorized by competent authority. ***Par. U4105-H allowances are authorized when such duty is performed under emergency circumstances that threaten injury to human life or damage to Federal GOV'T property provided overnight accommodations are used by reason of such duty.*** See Ch 3 for transportation allowances.

I. CONTINGENCY OPERATION Flat Rate Per Diem. The Secretary Concerned may authorize a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem for a member assigned TDY to a CONTINGENCY OPERATION for more than 180 consecutive days at one location. The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem is equal to 55% of the applicable maximum locality [per diem rate](#). Retroactive application of this authority to an existing travel authorization/order dated prior to par. U4105-I effective date of 1 February 2008 violates par. U2105. Except to correct or to complete an authorization/order to show the original intent, a travel authorization/order must not be revoked or modified retroactively to create, deny, or change an allowance ([24 Comp. Gen. 439 \(1944\)](#)). See APP A CONTINGENCY OPERATION definition.

1. Limitations. The following circumstances may affect per diem reimbursement.

- a. Retained lodging expenses during a member's authorized absence. See pars. U7225 and U7226.
- b. CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem applies to TDY at the specified location. If a member is sent TDY to another location, the appropriate per diem, computed using the 'Lodgings-Plus' method, for that area applies.
- c. See par. U4135 for dual lodging information.

2. Delegation Authority. The Secretary Concerned may delegate authority to prescribe a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem rate via the Secretarial Process to an official at the O-6 or GS-15 level with no further re-delegation authorized.

3. CONTINGENCY OPERATION Per Diem Exception. The Secretary Concerned or authorized delegated authority may adjust the CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem when the 55% rate is determined to be insufficient or overly generous. ***Per diem rate adjustment must be authorized before travel.*** For example, the Secretary Concerned or the authorized delegated authority, before travel begins, may authorize the following per diem rate adjustments:

- a. Lower the 55% to 50% to accommodate slightly lower than expected anticipated expenses; or
- b. Increase the 55% to 60% to accommodate slightly higher than anticipated expenses; or
- c. Increase the per diem in 10% increments above 60% (NTE 100%) if 60% is insufficient.
- d. Full locality per diem rate (and 'Lodgings-Plus' computation) continuation when reduced cost long-term rental or lease facilities are not available at the specified location.

4. Per Diem Computation. The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem rate is rounded up to the next higher dollar and paid in a fixed amount NTE 55% of the applicable maximum daily TDY locality [per diem rate](#), plus lodging tax. See par. U4105-I4c. ***A lodging receipt is not required; however, one may be necessary IAW Service regulations to support a lodging tax miscellaneous reimbursable expense.*** Ensure the member has asked about and taken advantage of any tax exemption that may exist.

- a. Pay 55% (or the appropriate percentage) of the locality per diem rate (plus CONUS lodging tax as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense if applicable on the 55% or appropriate percentage) except for the days of departure from and/or return to the PDS. See par. U4147.
- b. Pay 75% of the M&IE rate plus the lodging cost if applicable on the arrival date at the TDY location and 75% of M&IE on the return day at the PDS.
- c. Lodging tax in CONUS and in non-foreign OCONUS areas is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to the 55% (or appropriate percentage) per diem. ***Lodging tax in a foreign OCONUS area is part of the per diem lodging ceiling and is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.***
- d. If authorized travel requires more than one day en route to the TDY CONTINGENCY OPERATION location where a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat per diem rate is authorized, per diem at the stopover point is based on the stopover locality per diem rate and is not at the 55% rate. See par. U4145-B. The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem rate is effective the day after the member reports to the TDY location. See pars. U4149 or U4151.
- e. For multiple TDY assignments between the CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location and other locations such as a uniformed service facility where GMR or PMR or similar deductible meals are available (par. U4165) or commercial lodging the locality per diem applies for the official travel days. When dual lodging is authorized, pay NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging rate (not the flat rate per diem amount) for the CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location. See par. U4105-I1c. The applicable per diem rate is effective the day after the reporting date to the TDY location. See pars. U4149 or U4151.

5. Computation Example. A member is ordered TDY to a CONUS location for two years ICW a CONTINGENCY OPERATION. The Secretary Concerned authorizes 55% CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem in the TDY authorization/order at the onset. The locality per diem rate for the location is \$259 (\$198/ \$61). The actual long-term lodging cost is anticipated to be \$95/night (on a monthly or yearly lease) and the daily lodging tax is \$15, a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem is set at 55% or \$143 ($\$259 \times 55\% = \142.45 , rounded up to \$143), plus lodging tax of \$15/night.

Pay the reduced flat rate per diem of \$143, plus \$15 lodging tax/night. ***NOTE: If the \$95/night rate is known before the fact, the flat rate percentage could be reduced to 50% (or $\$198 \times .5 = \99) plus the appropriate lodging tax.***

Pay the first TDY day - \$140.75 (Lodging - \$95 + M&IE - \$45.75 ($\$61 \times 75\% = \45.75)) plus lodging tax of \$15.

Pay the second TDY day up to the day before departure from the TDY location - \$143/day plus \$15 lodging tax.

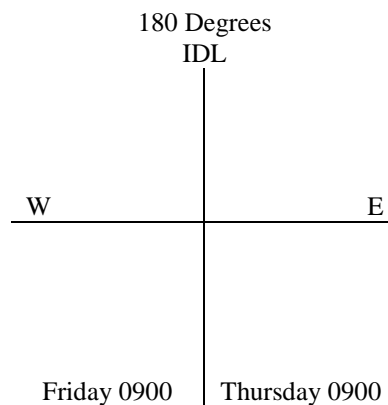
Pay the departure TDY day to the PDS - \$45.75 ($\$61 \times 75\% = \45.75).

J. When the TDY Station Becomes the PDS. A member, who while at a TDY station receives a PCS authorization/order or information indicating that the member will be transferred to the TDY station on a ***specified future date***, is authorized payment of otherwise proper TDY allowances for the TDY involved and return travel to the old PDS. See par. U7125-C if the TDY station is designated as the new PDS ***effective immediately***.

U4115 INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

A. International Dateline (IDL). The IDL is a hypothetical line along the 180th meridian where each calendar day begins. For example, when it is Thursday east of the IDL it is Friday west of the IDL.

B. Computing Per Diem when Crossing the International Dateline (IDL)



C. Computation. The following are examples of computing per diem and making cost comparisons under par. U4115:

EXAMPLE 1			
TDY Travel Involving IDL with a 'Lost' Day			
The TDY location lodging cost is \$135/night. The per diem rate is \$225 (\$135/ \$90).			
The traveler departs (heading west) on 8/18 and arrives at the TDY location on 8/20.			
When crossing the IDL in a westward direction, the dates 8/18 -8/19 are treated as one day for per diem computation purposes because the traveler did not arrive at the TDY location until 8/20. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for two 8/25 dates.			
A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available at the TDY point. AEA is not authorized.			
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	At
18 Aug Wednesday	PDS/Residence		
20-24 Aug (Friday-Tuesday)			TDY Station
25 Aug Wednesday	TDY Station		
25 Aug Wednesday		PDS/Residence	
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
18 Aug Wednesday	75 % x \$90 =		\$67.50
19 August Thursday	NO PER DIEM		
20-24 Aug (Friday-Tuesday)	\$135 + \$90 = \$225/day x 5 days =		\$1,125.00
25 Aug Wednesday	\$90 (M&IE) =		\$90.00
25 Aug Wednesday	75 % x \$90 =		\$67.50
Total			\$1,350.00

EXAMPLE 2			
TDY Travel Involving IDL without a 'Lost' Day			
TDY location lodging cost is \$140/night. The per diem rate is \$218 (\$146/ \$72).			
The traveler departs (heading west) on 8/18 and arrives at the TDY location on 8/19.			
When crossing the IDL in a westward direction, the date 8/19 (Thursday) is treated as a full day for per diem computation purposes as the traveler arrived on 8/19. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for one 8/25 date.			
A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available at the TDY point. AEA is not authorized.			
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	At
18 Aug Wednesday	PDS/Residence		
19-24 Aug (Thursday-Tuesday)			TDY Station
25 Aug Wednesday	TDY Station		
25 Aug Wednesday		PDS/Residence	
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
18 Aug Wednesday	75 % x \$72 =		\$54.00
19-24 Aug (Thursday-Tuesday)	\$140 + \$72 = \$212/day x 6 days =		\$1,272.00
25 Aug Wednesday	75 % x \$72 =		\$54.00
Total			\$1,380.00

U4125 PER DIEM UNDER THE 'LODGINGS-PLUS' COMPUTATION METHOD

Per diem computed under this Part is based on the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method. The total daily per diem amount may not exceed the applicable daily locality rate. See par. U2510 concerning receipts.

U4127 LODGING TAX UNDER 'LODGINGS-PLUS'

A. CONUS and Non-foreign OCONUS Areas. The maximum locality [lodging](#) amount in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include lodging tax. Lodging tax in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense when per diem (or AEA as in Ch 4, Part C) is paid except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC PCS travel is paid. See APP G.

B. Foreign Areas. The maximum locality [lodging](#) amount in foreign areas includes a lodging tax amount. ***Lodging tax in foreign areas is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense when per diem (or Ch 4, Part C AEA) is paid.***

U4129 LODGING UNDER THE 'LODGINGS-PLUS' COMPUTATION METHOD

A. General. The amount allowed for lodging expense is the expense actually incurred or the maximum locality amount for [lodging](#), whichever is less. Reimbursement computation is in par. U1045 for the commercial lodging cost incurred for any day that the member was TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV'T QTRS were available on that U.S. INSTALLATION.

B. Commercial Lodging. Except as provided for double occupancy in par. U4129-D, when a member uses commercial lodging facilities (i.e., hotels, motels, and boarding houses), the allowable lodging expense is based on the single room rate for the lodging used.

C. GOV'T QTRS. A fee/service charge paid for GOV'T QTRS is an allowable lodging expense.

D. Double Occupancy. In the case of double occupancy, each official traveler is allowed one-half of the double occupancy charge if a room is shared with another official traveler. ***NOTE: Double occupancy does not limit the traveler's lodging per diem ceiling eligibility. Ex: Two official travelers who share a room in a \$100/night lodging area have \$200 with which to pay for a room.*** Otherwise, the official traveler is allowed the single room rate. ***The official traveler must provide the single room rate.***

E. Lodging with a Friend or Relative. ***Lodging cost reimbursement is not authorized for a member who stays with a friend or relative.*** A member, who lodges with friends or relatives, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible. The lodging reimbursement examples below apply for official travel to include as an attendant/escort, evacuation, extended TDY, limited evacuation and other circumstances in which the member has the option to stay with friends or relatives. ***The Service/Agency cannot direct the member to lodge with friends or relatives.***

Example 1: A member (outpatient) and a DoD civilian employee (attendant), each traveling under an official TDY travel authorization/order to Location A, reside together with family members who live at/near Location A during the TDY. They commute daily to the TDY location. The member is not authorized lodging reimbursement, but the DoD civilian employee possibly may be eligible for reimbursement of some lodging costs. See JTR, par. C4555-B3.

Example 2: A member is TDY (active duty call-up) to Location A and stays in commercial lodging. A family member later joins the member at personal expense. The member is authorized up to the single room rate and room tax on the single rate if applicable.

F. Lodging in other than Commercial Facilities. When no commercial lodging facilities are available (i.e., in remote areas) or when there is a room shortage because of a special event (e.g., World Fair or International Sporting Event), the cost of lodging obtained in other than commercial facilities may be allowed. Such facilities may include college dormitories or similar facilities as well as rooms made available to the public by area residents in their homes. In these cases, the member must provide a written explanation that is acceptable to the AO/designated representative.

G. Lodging Not Available at TDY Station. The TDY locality per diem rate or the AEA (see Ch 4, Part C) ceiling for the location where lodging is obtained is used for computation *only* when a member is TDY at a place where neither GOV'T nor commercial QTRS are available. ***NOTE: Par. U4129-G applies only when the locality per diem rate for the lodging location is higher than the locality per diem rate for the TDY location. The higher per diem rate must be authorized/approved by the AO.***

U4131 APARTMENT, HOUSE, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENT WHILE TDY

A. General. An apartment, house, or recreational vehicle (includes a mobile home, a camper, a camping trailer, or self-propelled mobile recreational vehicle) qualifies as QTRS. Par. U4129-E applies for lodging with a friend/relative.

B. Expenses. Allowable lodging expenses are:

1. Apartment, house, or recreational vehicle rent;
2. Parking space for the recreational vehicle rent;
3. Appropriate and necessary furniture rental, such as a stove, refrigerators, chairs, tables, beds, sofas, television, and a vacuum cleaner;

NOTE 1: Some rental agreements (i.e., furniture rental agreements) include options-to-buy clauses that result in the renter owning the rented item (i.e., furniture) at the contract term end. A traveler may be reimbursed for the cost of such a rental agreement (i.e., cost of furniture rental as part of the lodging cost) while on TDY if the traveler has no other choice but to enter into such an agreement. However, if the traveler exercises the purchase option, the amount that is being credited toward the purchase must be returned to the GOV'T by the traveler if paid to the traveler as part of the travel claim settlement (B-259520, 7 December 1995).

NOTE 2: A member who rents and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for the cost of: 1. shipment of furniture from a previous residence, or 2. purchase of furniture needed for unfurnished temporary duty lodgings, even if shipment/purchase was less expensive than rental would have been. Adopted from GSBGA 16699-TRAV, 17 August 2005 (This decision is available at: <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/travel/t1669917.txt>).

4. Connection, use, and disconnection costs of utilities including electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil and sewer charges;
5. Dumping fees;
6. Shower fees;
7. Maid fees and cleaning charges;
8. Monthly telephone use fees (*does not include installation charges and unofficial long distance calls. When a personally-owned cellular phone is used in lieu of an installed phone, the monthly cell phone fee may not be claimed. See APP G for official communications.*);
9. The costs of special user fees such as cable TV charges and plug-in charges for automobile head bolt heaters, if ordinarily included in the price of a hotel/motel room in the area concerned; and
10. Exchange fee (but not the annual maintenance fee) paid by a member to acquire use of timeshare lodgings at the TDY point ([B-254626, 17 February 1994](#)).

In determining the daily amount of expense items which do not accrue on a daily basis such as cost for connection/disconnection of utilities, dumping fees, shower fees, cleaning charges, monthly telephone use fee, etc., these expenses may be averaged over the number of days the traveler is authorized per diem during the entire TDY trip.

U4133 LODGING COST UNDER THE BARTER SYSTEM

A member, TDY in a remote location at which there are no GOV'T QTRS or other suitable commercial lodging facilities, may be reimbursed the cost of barter goods used in exchange for lodgings obtained in private dwellings. Reimbursement may not exceed 20% of the locality per diem rate. *As an exception to the \$75 or more receipt rule, the traveler should be prepared to provide receipts for the barter goods together with the traveler's certification that the barter goods were delivered to the householder for lodgings received if required by finance regulations.*

U4135 DUAL LODGING REIMBURSEMENT ON A SINGLE DAY

A. Per Diem Basis. When it is necessary for a member to retain lodgings at one TDY location (Location A) for other than personal convenience and procure lodgings at a second TDY location (Location B) on the same calendar day, the lodging cost incurred at the second TDY location (Location B) is used for computing the member's per diem for TDY at that location (Location B) for that day.

B. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expense for Lodging. The lodging cost incurred at the first location (Location A) is reimbursable as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense (see APP G) if approved by the AO ([60 Comp. Gen. 630 \(1981\)](#)).

C. Maximum Reimbursement. Actual lodging cost reimbursement at the first TDY location (Location A) must not exceed the amount of per diem or AEA plus lodging tax that would have been paid had the member remained at Location A overnight.

D. Long-term Dual Lodgings Occupancy. *An authorization/order that authorizes long-term reimbursement for dual lodging is not in conformance with the intent of par. U4135. Example:* An authorization/order is prepared to direct TDY at Location C for 150 days. The AO knows the member is to spend limited time at Location C and is also going to one or more other locations for lengthy periods during the TDY period. *Using par. U4135 to authorize multiple long periods (or a single all-encompassing period) of dual lodging reimbursement for lodging retained at Location C violates the intent of this authority and is not authorized.*

EXAMPLE 1			
<u>NOTE:</u> Lodging tax is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign area.			
A traveler, who leased an apartment while TDY at Location A, was required to perform additional TDY in Location B for 5 days. The AO agreed that it would be more economical for the traveler to retain the Location A apartment while TDY in Location B and authorized/approved the \$45/day Location A apartment cost as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense. See APP G. The Location B lodging cost (\$95/day) was used for computing the traveler’s per diem while TDY in that location.			
Per Diem Rates for This Example			
Location	Max Lodging	M&IE	Total
A	\$130	\$46	\$176
B	\$119	\$46	\$165
Reimbursement for the Location A Apartment for 5 days			
Lodging Cost	Number of Days	Total	
\$45	5	\$225	
Per Diem for the TDY Assignment in Location B			
First Day			
(Departure day from Location A and arrival day in Location B):			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$95	\$46	\$141 plus lodging tax (see <u>NOTE</u>)	
Second thru Fifth Day			
(Lodging cost + M&IE/day) x 4 days			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$95	\$46	\$141/day x 4 days = \$564 plus lodging tax (see <u>NOTE</u>)	
Return day to Location A			
(Lodging cost + M&IE)			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$45	\$46	\$91	

EXAMPLE 2			
<u>NOTE:</u> Lodging tax is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign area.			
A traveler occupied GOV'T QTRS while on a training assignment at a U.S. INSTALLATION in Location C. The traveler was required to perform additional TDY for 3 days in Location D. If the traveler vacated the GOV'T QTRS (daily cost \$25) while on the 3-day TDY assignment, the QTRS might not be available upon return. The AO agreed that it would be more economical for the traveler to retain the GOV'T QTRS while TDY in Location D and authorized/approved the cost of those QTRS as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense. See APP G. The Location D lodging cost (\$110/day) was used to determine the traveler's per diem while TDY there.			
<u>Per Diem Rates for This Example</u>			
Location	Max Lodging	M&IE	Total
C	\$109	\$38	\$147
D	\$130	\$46	\$176
<u>Reimbursement for GOV'T QTRS for 3 Days</u>			
Lodging	Number of Days	Total	
\$25	3	\$75	
<u>Per Diem for the TDY Assignment in Location D</u>			
<u>First Day</u>			
(Departure day from Location C and arrival day in Location D):			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$110	\$46	\$156 plus lodging tax (see <u>NOTE</u>)	
<u>Second and Third Day</u>			
(Lodging Cost + M&IE/day) x 4 days			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$110	\$46	\$156/day x 2 days = \$312 plus lodging tax (see <u>NOTE</u>)	
<u>Day of Return to Location C</u>			
(Lodging Cost + M&IE)			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$25	\$38	\$63	

U4137 ALLOWABLE EXPENSES WHEN A RESIDENCE IS PURCHASED AND USED FOR TDY LODGINGS

A member may purchase and occupy a residence at a TDY location. Allowable expenses are the monthly:

1. Mortgage interest;
2. Property tax; and
3. Utility costs actually incurred (does not include any installation and hook-up charges), e.g., electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil, sewer charges;

prorated based on the number of days in the month rather than by the actual number of days the member occupied the residence ([57 Comp. Gen. 147 \(1977\)](#)). *In no case may the total per diem payable exceed the applicable maximum locality rate for the area unless an AEA (see Ch 4, Part C) is authorized/approved. Par. U4141 does not apply when the residence is purchased.*

NOTE: A member who purchases and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for any cost associated with rental, purchase or shipment of furniture.

U4139 LODGING COST FOR QTRS JOINTLY OCCUPIED BY MEMBER AND DEPENDENTS

Lodging cost for QTRS jointly occupied by a member and dependents is 50% for the member and 50% for the dependents (regardless of the number of family members) when a member in a per diem status is in receipt of TLA for dependents. See par. U9160-C. When dependents are not traveling at GOV'T expense, the member is authorized the single room rate.

U4140 LODGING WHEN TDY AT ONE LOCATION FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS

If a traveler is to be TDY at one location for more than 30 days, lodging reservations should be made on a weekly, monthly, or other long-term basis if possible. If paid under DTS, the CTO/TMC should be used to make these arrangements unless the CTO/TMC does not provide this service. See pars. U4131, U4137, and U4141.

U4141 LODGING OBTAINED ON A WEEKLY, MONTHLY, OR LONGER TERM BASIS

When a traveler obtains lodging on a weekly, monthly, or longer term basis, the daily TDY lodging cost is computed by dividing the total periodic (e.g., weekly, monthly) lodging cost by the number of days the member is authorized the lodging portion of per diem ([62 Comp. Gen. 63 \(1982\)](#)).

This computation presumes that the member acts prudently in renting by the week or month, and that the GOV'T cost does not exceed the cost of renting conventional lodgings at a daily rate. ***NOTE: This does not apply when a residence is purchased.*** See par. U4137.

EXAMPLE
1. A member is TDY at a location at which the per diem is \$116 (\$70/\$46).
2. The member obtains lodgings on a long-term basis and is paying \$900 a month for an apartment and utilities.
3. The daily lodging cost per month is \$30 (\$900/30 days).
4. In June the member took leave for 10 days and is authorized per diem for only 20 days.
5. The daily lodging rate for the member during June is computed to be \$45/day (\$900/20). Since the \$45/day lodging cost does not exceed the authorized \$70 locality lodging ceiling, the member is reimbursed \$45/day for 20 days of lodging in June.

NOTE: See par. U7225 if lodging is obtained on a daily basis and a member takes an authorized absence while on TDY in support of a CONTINGENCY OPERATION or par. U7226 if a member takes leave ICW an authorized/ordered evacuation to visit dependents at their safe haven.

U4143 LODGING AND/OR MEALS OBTAINED UNDER CONTRACT

When a contracting officer contracts for rooms and/or meals for a member traveling on TDY, the total daily amount paid by the GOV'T for the member's lodging, M&IE may not exceed the applicable per diem authorized in this Part ([60 Comp. Gen. 181\(1981\)](#) and [62 Comp. Gen. 308 \(1983\)](#)) unless an AEA is authorized/approved under Ch 4, Part C. ***NOTE:*** There is NO reimbursement for any items rented for contract QTRS that are rented with an "option to buy" (adopted from [GSBCA 15890-TRAV, 29 July 2003](#)).

U4145 PER DIEM COMPUTATION

A. General. Ordinarily, per diem is based on the member's TDY location at 2400. There are occasions, however, when the member is en route to a TDY location and does not arrive at the lodging site until 2400 or later. In that case, lodging is claimed for the preceding calendar day and the maximum per diem for the preceding day is determined as if the member had been at the stopover point or TDY location at 2400 of the preceding day. If no lodging is required, the per diem rate is still determined as if the member had been at the stopover point or TDY location at 2400 of the preceding day.

B. Stopover Point. If authorized travel requires more than 1 day and a stopover for the night that includes lodging (***NOTE: Lodging does not include sleeping in the transportation terminal.***) is required, per diem at the stopover point is based on the stopover point locality per diem rate.

C. M&IE Payment. The M&IE rate is payable to the member without expense itemization and without receipts. Box lunches, in-flight meals and rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft are not a GOV'T dining facility/mess for per diem computation purposes. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***

D. Meal Rate. The meal rate established by the authorization/order cannot be reduced after the ordered travel has been completed except for a deductible meal (GOV'T meals paid for by the member and consumed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess are not deductible meals. See par. U4165. However, an AO/schoolhouse commander may amend an authorization/order to direct immediate and/or future meal rate changes.

U4147 PER DIEM FOR DEPARTURE FROM AND RETURN TO PDS

A. Rate. 75% of the appropriate M&IE rate is paid for the days of departure from and/or return to the PDS ICW TDY, regardless of what time the member departs or returns. On these days, the GMR or PMR do not apply.

B. Departure Day. The per diem rate for the PDS departure day is based on the member's TDY/stopover location at 2400 on that day. If the member is traveling and lodging is not procured for that night, the locality M&IE rate for the next destination (TDY/stopover point) is the applicable M&IE rate.

C. Return Day. For any full calendar travel day when lodging is not required while the traveler is en route overnight returning to the PDS, home, or other authorized point, the per diem is the M&IE rate applicable to the preceding calendar day. For the day travel ends (return day to the PDS, home, or other authorized point), the per diem is the M&IE rate applicable to the preceding day (last TDY or authorized delay point). Any TDY en route locations, on the day travel ends, do not affect the M&IE rate for the return day unless overnight lodgings are required. ***NOTE: For USCG only: For the day travel ends (return day to the PDS, home or authorized delay point), the per diem is based on the M&IE applicable to the last TDY or authorized delay point, whether or not overnight lodgings were required there.***

<u>Example</u>	
1 Sep	Depart PDS
1 Sep	Arrive TDY A (\$50 M&IE)
10 Sep	Depart TDY A
10 Sep	Arrive TDY B (\$60 M&IE)
10 Sep	Depart TDY B
10 Sep	Arrive PDS
Pay 75% of \$50 (TDY A M&IE for preceding day) on 10 Sep	

U4149 M&IE RATE DETERMINATION FOR CONUS FULL DAYS

A. Locality Rate. Applicable per diem rate for reimbursement of subsistence expenses incurred during official CONUS travel.

B. GMR. The standard GMR paid for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess plus \$5 for IE is paid. This rate applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available (see ***NOTE*** below) on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY,
2. The GMR is directed,
3. The GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all three meals on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
4. The member is not traveling.

NOTE: In circumstances in which adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate rather than the GMR and \$5 for IE. Just because the GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV'T QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality meal rate to GMR.

C. PMR. The PMR plus \$5 for IE is paid. The PMR applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY,
2. At least one meal is available and directed where the member is assigned TDY, and
3. The member is not traveling.

NOTE: In circumstances in which adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate rather than the PMR and \$5 for IE. .e., Just because the GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV'T QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality meal rate to PMR..

U4150 PER DIEM AND AEA ON A SINGLE TRIP

A member performing TDY at more than one location on a per diem and actual expense basis for a single trip is authorized the allowances prescribed in par. U4260-D.

U4151 M&IE RATE DETERMINATION FOR OCONUS FULL DAYS

NOTE: In circumstances in which adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate rather than the GMR and the locality incidental expense rate unless the \$3.50 incidental expense rate is authorized under par. U4151-D. Just because the GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV' QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality M&IE to GMR.

A. Locality Rate. Applicable [per diem rate](#) for reimbursement of subsistence expenses incurred during official OCONUS travel. Use the [M&IE rate](#) for the locality concerned.

B. The Standard GMR for Meals in a GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess Plus the Locality Incidental Expenses Rate. The GMR plus IE rate applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY,
2. The GMR is directed,
3. The GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all three meals on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
4. The member is not traveling.

C. PMR plus IE. The PMR applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY,

2. At least one meal is available and directed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
3. The member is not traveling.

D. OCONUS IE

1. Except for Coast Guard members, the OCONUS locality [IE rate](#) is the applicable rate, or \$3.50 when the AO determines \$3.50 to be adequate for anticipated expenses. *The \$3.50 must be stated on the authorization/order for it to be paid.*
2. For Coast Guard the OCONUS locality incidental expense rate is the applicable rate when the member is not ordered TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION (see <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>), or \$3.50 when the member is TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV'T QTRS are available (see **NOTE** below) on that U.S. INSTALLATION. Two exceptions are noted below. The AOs can determine that \$3.50 is:
 - a. Adequate when the member *is not lodged* on a U.S. INSTALLATION. *The OCONUS incidental expense rate of \$3.50 may be authorized and must be stated in the travel authorization/order.*
 - b. *Not adequate when the member is lodged on a U.S. INSTALLATION. The locality incidental expense rate (see <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>) may be authorized and must be stated in the travel authorization/order.*

NOTE: *In circumstances in which adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the QTRS are not available and authorized the locality incidental expense rate unless the \$3.50 incidental expense rate is authorized under par. U4151-D. Just because the QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality incidental rate to \$3.50.*

U4153 PER DIEM ON ARRIVAL AT OR DEPARTURE FROM A TDY POINT

The M&IE rate payable on the days of arrival at and departure from the TDY point is the M&IE rate for that location, unless the member is in a different TDY location at 2400 on that day. On a ship, the embarkation/debarkation port M&IE rate applies.

U4155 SCHOOLHOUSE TRAINING (FORMAL COURSES OF INSTRUCTION)

A schoolhouse commander is authorized to determine if one of the two meal rates based on GOV'T dining facility/mess availability (PMR or GMR) is appropriate in lieu of the locality meal rate - regardless of what the AO may put in a TDY authorization/order to the contrary. If there is information about the course that provides the appropriate meal rate, that information, and its source, should be in the authorization/order. If that information is not available prior to authorization/order issuance it must be provided to the member by the schoolhouse commander (or designee) upon arrival at the school and submitted with the travel voucher.

U4157 LODGING PER DIEM COMPUTATION

Lodging while on TDY or at a delay point, may not exceed the locality per diem [lodging](#) ceiling for the TDY or delay location. The lodging cost or the locality lodging ceiling, whichever is less, is added to the M&IE rate for that location to determine that day's per diem rate. The total amount must not exceed the maximum per diem rate for the TDY (or stopover) locality unless an AEA is authorized/approved IAW Ch 4, Part C. When lodging has been obtained at a location other than the TDY location the per diem rate for the lodging location may apply if par. U4129-G applies.

U4159 PER DIEM COMPUTATION FOR TDY OF MORE THAN 12 BUT LESS THAN 24 HOURS

M&IE of 75% of the [M&IE rate](#) for the TDY location is payable for each travel day. If more than one TDY location is involved and lodging is not required, M&IE of 75% of the highest M&IE rate is payable on each day (e.g., 15-hour trip covering 2 days with three stops on day 1 and two stops on day 2 – the highest of the three rates on day 1 for day 1 and the highest for the 2 on day 2 for day 2). If lodging must be obtained, the rules for travel of more than 24 hours apply. *Per diem is not authorized under par. U4159 when travel is performed in the local area unless overnight lodging is required. If overnight lodging is required in the local area these rules or rules for over 24 hours apply.* See par. U4510 for occasional meals authority.

U4160 PER DIEM FOR TDY TRAVEL BY CAR FERRY

A. General. When a member on TDY travels by POC partly by road and partly by car ferry (circuitously or otherwise), the member is authorized per diem while traveling on the ferry. See par. U3330 for transportation reimbursement.

B. Lodging. Reimbursement for the actual cost of required accommodations (unless included in the ferry transportation cost) is authorized.

C. M&IE when Travel Includes an Overnight on a Car Ferry Anywhere in the World. M&IE is based on and computed for the member using the highest CONUS M&IE rate for the arrival day (embarkation) on the ferry through the day before the departure day (debarkation) from the ferry. M&IE for the departure day (debarkation) from the ferry is the rate applicable for the member's location at 2400 on that day. See par. U4145-A.

D. M&IE when Travel Does Not Include an Overnight on a Car Ferry. If the ferry passage does not include an overnight, the applicable M&IE while on the ferry is that rate applicable to the member's location at 2400 on the debarkation day. See par. U4145-A.

U4163 ESSENTIAL UNIT MESSING (EUM)

A. There is no authority to pay the M&IE meal portion when the Secretary Concerned, or for a JTF the Combatant/JTF Commander, determines that GOV'T dining facility/mess use is essential to accomplish training and readiness.

1. The prohibition on paying the M&IE meal portion begins at 0001 on the first full EUM day and ends at 2400 on last full EUM day.
2. The IE rate is \$5 in CONUS, or the appropriate OCONUS [IE rate](#), or \$3.50 OCONUS when the AO determines \$3.50 to be adequate for anticipated expenses. *The \$3.50 rate must be stated on the authorization/order for it to be paid.*

B. A member ordered to use EUM, who must procure occasional meals, is authorized reimbursement under par. U4510.

C. *IAW par. U4151-D, if an authorization/order does not state otherwise, locality IE rate is paid.*

U4165 DEDUCTIBLE MEALS

A. PMR Application. The PMR in pars. U4149-C and U4151-C applies on any day when one or two deductible meals is/are provided. See APP R, Part II, par. J. The GOV'T should not pay for the same meal twice (e.g., originally by registration fee, etc., and then again through per diem). *A meal provided to the traveler for which the GOV'T pays nothing does not affect per diem payment.*

B. Deductible Meal. A deductible meal is a meal:

1. Made available pursuant to an agreement between a Uniformed Service and any organization, if the authorization/order directs use of the facility providing the meal(s);
2. Included in a registration fee paid by the GOV'T;
3. Furnished at no cost to the traveler by a school while attending a course of instruction if the GOV'T ultimately pays the school for the meal cost;
4. Furnished by the GOV'T at no cost to a member (see par. U4167);
5. Provided by a lodging establishment for which a charge is added in the lodging cost (ex., lodging cost \$75 without breakfast; lodging cost \$85 with breakfast); or
6. Provided by a lodging establishment when the meal(s) is/are included in the lodging cost under an agreement between the GOV'T and the lodging establishment (ex., an agency arranges for lodging at a conference/meeting and the cost of one or more meals is included in the lodging cost). ***NOTE: A negotiated rate should fall either within the locality lodging rate, or if declared (see APP R), within the conference lodging rate. If the negotiated rate exceeds the locality (or conference) lodging rate, an AEA lodging rate should be provided to cover the higher lodging rate that includes the meal(s).***

NOTE: A continental breakfast is a deductible meal if it otherwise qualifies above.

C. Meals Provided/Consumed. If all three meals are provided/consumed at no cost to the traveler, only the IE amount for that day is payable (\$5 in CONUS, or the applicable locality [IE rate](#) or \$3.50 OCONUS).

D. The AO may authorize/approve the locality meal rate or PMR, as applicable, if the member:

1. Is unable to eat an otherwise deductible meal because of medical requirements or religious beliefs (the AO may request substantiating documentation from the appropriate professional authority), and
2. Attempted, but was unable, to make, alternative meal arrangements for a substitute meal, and
3. Must purchase a meal that satisfies the medical requirements or religious beliefs.
4. Is unable to eat the deductible meal due to mission.

U4167 NON-DEDUCTIBLE MEALS

A. Non-Deductible Meal. The following are not deductible meals:

1. Box lunches, (which include such things as C Rations, K Rations, MREs) - except when MREs and/or other box lunches are the ***only method*** of providing adequate subsistence to a member. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***
2. In-flight meals,
3. Rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft,
4. GOV'T meals paid for by the member and consumed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess,
5. Meals furnished on commercial aircraft,
6. Meals provided by private individuals, or

7. Meal(s) provided by a lodging establishment on a complimentary basis without adding a charge for the meal(s) in the lodging cost (ex., lodging cost \$75 with or without breakfast).

B. Meals Provided/Consumed. If all three meals are provided/consumed at no cost to the member, only the IE amount for that day is payable (\$5 in CONUS, or the applicable locality [IE rate](#) or \$3.50 OCONUS).

U4169 LODGING REQUIRED ON THE DAY TRAVEL ENDS

When lodging is required on the day travel ends and the AO authorizes/approves the member to obtain lodging, the lodging reimbursement is based on the locality rate, or AEA if appropriate, for the en route TDY site.

U4171 MEALS PROVIDED BY A COMMON CARRIER OR COMPLIMENTARY MEALS PROVIDED BY A LODGING ESTABLISHMENT

Meals provided by a common carrier do not affect per diem. Complimentary meals provided by a lodging establishment do not affect per diem as long as the room charge is the same with or without meals. See par. U4165, items 2e and 2f when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost.

U4173 PER DIEM COMPUTATION EXAMPLES

A. GOV'T Meal Rate (GMR). The GMR in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only. Check APP A (GMR) for the current GMR.

B. U.S. and Non-foreign OCONUS Lodging Tax. The maximum amount allowed for [lodging](#) in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense, except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid.

C. Foreign Lodging Tax. The maximum amount allowed for [lodging](#) in foreign areas includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in foreign areas is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

D. Examples

1. Example 1. Per Diem Rate/POC TDY Mileage Computation

EXAMPLE 1

Per Diem Rate/POC TDY Mileage Computation

A traveler is authorized TDY from a PDS for two days, POC use between the residence and TDY station (not a U.S. INSTALLATION) is to the GOV'T's advantage and authorized on the travel authorization/order. See par. U3305-B. The traveler arrives at the TDY station on day 2 and completes the TDY assignment on day 4.

Reimbursement is limited to the actual lodging cost NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging rate plus the appropriate M&IE.

The maximum per diem rate for the TDY location is \$116 (\$70/ \$46); actual lodging cost is \$72/night. The 12-hour rule does not apply because the TDY period is over 12 hours.

AEA is not used for this example but may apply for the actual lodging expense exceeding the maximum per diem lodging rate when authorized/approved by the AO. See Ch 4, Part C.

ITINERARY					
Date	Depart	Arrive	Per Diem Rate	Lodging Cost	POC Distance
10 May	Residence	1st Stopover	\$116 (\$70/ \$46)	\$60	400 miles
11 May	En Route	TDY Station	\$116 (\$70/ \$46)	\$72	15 miles
12 May	TDY Station	TDY Station	\$116 (\$70/ \$46)	\$72	
13 May	TDY Station	2nd Stopover	\$118 (\$72/ \$46)	\$60	365 miles
14 May	En Route	Residence	Use 2 nd Stopover MI&E		50 miles
REIMBURSEMENT					
Day 1	\$60 + (\$46 x 75%) =				\$ 94.50
Day 2	\$72 = (\$72 limited to \$70) + \$46 =				\$116.00
Day 3	\$72 = (\$72 limited to \$70) + \$46 =				\$116.00
Day 4	\$60 + \$46 =				\$106.00
Day 5	\$46 x 75% =				\$ 34.50
1 round trip of 830 miles (official distance) x \$0.55/mile =					\$456.50
Total Reimbursement					\$923.50

2. Example 2. Per Diem Rate – GMR/PMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation

EXAMPLE 2

Per Diem Rate – GMR/PMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation

A member is TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION at which GOV'T lodging (at \$6/night) and dining facility/mess is available. The GMR is directed in the authorization/order. The AO approves the PMR on the 17th because breakfast was not available.

POC use between the residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and is authorized on the travel authorization/order. See par. U3305-B.

The maximum per diem rate is \$116 (\$70/ \$46). GMR (par. U4149-B) is \$10.80 and the PMR (par. U4149-C) is \$26 plus \$5.00, the CONUS IE rate, applies in this example.

NOTE: GOV'T dining facility/mess deductions are never made for arrival and departure days. See par. U4147, item 1. The GMR and PMR rates used in this example are for illustrative purposes only – see APP A, GMR definition for the current GMR.

ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
10 March	Residence	TDY Station	325 miles
16-18 March		At TDY Station	
19 March	TDY Station	Residence	325 miles
REIMBURSEMENT			
15 March	\$6 + (\$46 x 75%) =		\$40.50
16 March	\$6 + \$10.80 (GMR) + \$5 (I) =		\$21.80
17 March	\$6 + \$26 (PMR) + \$5 (I) =		\$37.00
18 March	\$6 + \$10.80 (GMR) + \$5 (I) =		\$21.80
19 March	\$46 x 75% =		\$34.50
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x \$0.55/mile =			\$357.50
Total Reimbursement			\$513.10

3. Example 3. Per Diem Rate – AOR Travel Computation

EXAMPLE 3				
Per Diem Rate – AOR Travel Computation				
A member is authorized TDY in an AOR. On 2 Jan, the member departed the residence via POC, and was en route awaiting transportation without procuring lodging, from 2-3 Jan, arriving at the AOR TDY station on 4 Jan. The member stayed in GOV'T QTRS and received the AOR per diem rate from 5-30 Jan. The member departed the AOR TDY station and arrived at another AOR location on 31 Jan. The member departed the AOR location and arrived at an approved delay stopover point procuring lodging on 1 Feb. The member departed the stopover point and arrived at the residence on 2 Feb. Per diem is computed as follows:				
Date	Travel Plan	Transportation Mode/Mean	Reason For Stop	Per Diem Rate
2 Jan	Dep Residence (Departure Day)	PA		\$15 (\$0/ \$15) TDY Destination
	En route (no lodging required)	TP	AT	
3 Jan	En route (no lodging required)	TP	AT	\$15 (\$0/ \$15) TDY Destination
4 Jan	Arr TDY location (enter AOR)	TP	TD	\$15 (\$0/ \$15) TDY Destination
5-30 Jan	TDY (AOR)	--	TD	\$15 (\$0/ \$15) TDY Destination
31 Jan	Dep TDY (AOR)	TP	--	\$3.50 AOR to AOR
	En route (AOR to AOR)	TP	AT	
1 Feb	En route (exit AOR/lodging)	TP	AD	\$190 (\$126/ \$64) Stopover Point
2 Feb	Arr Residence	PA	MC	\$190 (\$126/ \$64) Preceding calendar day's M&IE rate
Reimbursement				
2 Jan	\$15/day x 75% = (Departure Day = 75% of TDY destination M&IE, no lodging required)			\$11.25
3 Jan	\$15/day x 1 day = (TDY destination M&IE, no lodging required)			\$15.00
4 Jan	\$15.00/day (TDY destination M&IE, lodging \$0)			\$15.00
5-30 Jan	\$3.50/day x 26 days = (AOR M&IE, lodging \$0)			\$91.00
31 Jan	\$3.50/day (En route AOR to AOR M&IE, lodging \$0)			\$3.50
1 Feb	\$70 + \$64 = \$134/day (Exit AOR to AD stopover point, stopover point M&IE, lodging procured at \$70)			\$134.00
2 Feb	\$64/day x 75% = (75% of preceding calendar day's M&IE rate)			\$48.00
Reimbursement for per diem due member				\$317.75

U4174 RETURN TO PDS DURING EXTENDED TDY

A. General

1. For par. U4174, "extended TDY" means directed travel of 3 or more weeks.
2. A member on extended TDY (other than deployment) may be authorized to periodically return in an official travel status to the PDS, or place of abode from which the member commutes daily to the PDS, on weekends or other non-workdays.
3. *Reimbursement for transportation and per diem is on the same basis as TDY travel, but is not limited to the expenses otherwise payable had the member remained at the TDY location.*
4. *Authorized return to the PDS or place of abode is not authorized for Coast Guard.*

B. Authorized Return

1. *A traveler, who travels to a location (other than the PDS or place of abode from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS) for personal reasons and returns to the TDY location is not authorized reimbursement for transportation expenses. See par. U4176.*

2. A statement that return travel is authorized must be included in the travel authorization/order, or on the travel voucher if approved after the travel has been performed. ***This travel is an exception to the policy of scheduling travel during regular duty hours.*** Accordingly, the authorized return should be performed outside the member's regular duty hours or during authorized leave periods.

3. A traveler who is not authorized/approved to return to the PDS is paid for personal returns IAW par. U4175.

C. Lodgings Retained at TDY Location.

1. Lodging Retained at TDY Location during Voluntary Return. If the member retains lodging at the TDY location during a voluntary (per par. U7175) return, the member is financially responsible for the retained room cost while gone except IAW pars. U7225 or U7226.

2. Lodging Retained at TDY Location during Authorized Return. The AO may authorize/approve reimbursement for the cost of lodging retained at the TDY site as mission essential considering:

- a. The reasons for retaining the lodging are reasonable and necessary and not strictly for the traveler's convenience;
- b. The traveler's efforts to obtain lodging on a weekly or monthly basis or other long-term rental agreement; and
- c. When the retained lodging is charged on a daily basis, such factors as the TDY duration, the amount of personal belongings, the establishment's capability to store those belongings, and the traveler's ability to secure a room upon return.

If authorized/approved, the costs of lodging retained at the TDY site are paid as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense (up to the maximum lodging rate). See par. U7225 for lodging reimbursement if TDY supports a CONTINGENCY OPERATION.

U4175 RETURN TO PDS FROM TDY FOR PERSONAL REASONS

A. General

1. Authorized Member. Par. U4175 applies to an active or an RC member.

2. Authorized Allowances. Based on the transportation expenses incurred, a member who voluntarily returns to the PDS or residence from which the member ordinarily commutes daily to the PDS, during a TDY period, for personal reasons, is authorized the lesser of:

- a. Per diem or AEA for the actual travel time (***no per diem or AEA while at the PDS***) to and from the PDS/residence and transportation expenses for the travel from the TDY point to the PDS/residence and return; or
- b. The per diem or AEA that would have been allowed had the member stayed at the TDY point.

NOTE: Lodging tax is not included in the constructed cost for a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location as it is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense. OCONUS foreign lodging tax is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

3. Allowances Not Authorized. No per diem is credited for any day the member was in a leave status.

4. CONTINGENCY OPERATION. See par. U7225 concerning reimbursement for lodging retained at a CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location during leave away from that location.

B. Computation. Following are examples of computing per diem and making cost comparisons under par. U4175:

NOTE: The GMR used in the following example(s) is for illustrative purposes only. Check APP A (GMR) for the current GMR.

1. Example 1

EXAMPLE 1

Per Diem and POC TDY Mileage Computation

A traveler performed TDY (not at a U.S. INSTALLATION) and returned to the PDS during the TDY period on the weekend for personal reasons. The TDY location lodging cost is \$65/night. The maximum per diem rate is \$119 (\$73/ \$46). AEA is not authorized and per diem is not payable for 28 June (actual cost computation) because the traveler is at the PDS. See par. U4102-D.

POC use between the residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and is authorized on the travel authorization/ order for one round trip. See par. U3305-B.

The traveler is due \$1,490.50 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).

AEA is not used for this example, but may apply for the actual lodging expense exceeding the maximum per diem lodging rate when authorized/approved by the AO (Ch 4, Part C).

ITINERARY

Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
23 June	PDS	TDY Station	325 miles
24-26 June		At TDY Station	
27 June	TDY Station	PDS (personal reasons)	325 miles
28 June		PDS	
29 June	PDS	TDY Station	325 miles
30 June-2 July		At TDY Station	
3 July	TDY Station	PDS	325 miles

REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)

23 June	\$65 + (\$46 x 75%) =	\$99.50
24 to 26 June	\$65 + \$46 = \$111/day x 3 days =	\$333.00
27 June	\$46 x 75% =	\$34.50
28 June	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)	\$0.00
29 June	\$65 + (\$46 x 75%) =	\$99.50
30 June-2 July	\$65 + \$46 = \$111/day x 3 days =	\$333.00
3 July	\$46 x 75% =	\$34.50
2 round trips of 650 miles (official distance) = 1,300 miles x \$0.55/mile =		\$715.00
Actual Cost Total		\$1,649.00

Constructed Cost

23 June	\$65 + (\$46 x 75%) =	\$99.50
24 June-2 July	\$65 + \$46 = \$111/day x 9 days =	\$999.00
3 July	\$46 x 75% =	\$34.50
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x \$0.55/mile =		\$357.50
Constructed Cost Total		\$1,490.50

2. Example 2

EXAMPLE 2

Per Diem, GMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation

A member is TDY at a U.S. INSTALLATION at which a GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all meals and the lodging cost is \$6/night. GOV'T dining facility/mess use is directed and per diem is not paid on 12 July (actual cost computation) while the member is at the PDS. See par. U4102-D. The member returned by POC to the PDS while TDY on the weekend for personal reasons.

The maximum per diem rate is \$116 (\$70/ \$46). The GMR (par. U4149-B) is \$10.80 plus \$5 CONUS IE rate for this example.

POC use between the residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and is authorized on the travel authorization/ order for one round trip. See par. U3305-B.

The member is due \$409.30 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).

NOTE: GOV'T dining facility/mess deductions are not made for arrival and departure days (par. U4147, item 1). The GMR rate used in the example is for illustrative purposes only – see APP A, (GMR) for the current GMR.

ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
9 July	PDS	TDY Station	185 miles
10 July		At TDY Station	
11 July	TDY Station	PDS	185 miles
12 July		PDS (personal reasons)	
13 July	PDS	TDY Station	185 miles
14-15 July		At TDY Station	
16 July	TDY Station	PDS	185 miles
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
9 July	\$6 + (\$46 x 75%) =		\$40.50
10 July	\$6 + \$10.80 + \$5 =		\$21.80
11 July	\$46 x 75% =		\$34.50
12 July	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		\$0.00
13 July	\$6 + (\$46 x 75%) =		\$40.50
14-15 July	\$6 + \$10.80 + \$5 = \$21.80/day x 2 days =		\$43.60
16 July	\$46 x 75% =		\$34.50
2 round trips of 370 miles (official distance) x 2 = 740 miles x \$0.55/mile =			\$407.00
Actual Cost Total			\$622.40
Constructed Cost			
9 July	\$6 + (\$46 x 75%) =		\$40.50
10-15 July	\$6 + \$10.80 + \$5 = \$21.80/days times 6 days =		\$130.80
16 July	\$46 x 75% =		\$34.50
1 round trip of 370 miles (official distance) x \$0.55/mile =			\$203.50
Constructed Cost Total			\$409.30

U4176 TRAVEL TO AN ALTERNATE LOCATION ON NON-DUTY DAYS

A TDY member who travels to a location, other than the PDS or home, for personal reasons on non-duty days (and returns to the TDY location) is not authorized transportation expense reimbursement. The member is authorized only per diem-related expenses based on the TDY location per diem rate and any miscellaneous reimbursable expenses that would have been allowable had the member remained at the TDY location. Reimbursement is NTE what would have been paid had the member remained at the TDY location ([B-200856, 3 August, 1981](#); and [B-214886, 3 July, 1984](#)).

Example 1: Member TDY from Location A to Location B (with a maximum per diem rate of \$173 (\$122/ \$51)) drives to Location C on Friday night and returns to Location B Sunday night. The member checks out of the Location B hotel (which cost \$120/night plus a miscellaneous reimbursable expense amount for the 12% tax (\$14.40)) on Friday and stays in a Location C hotel Friday and Saturday nights. The member pays \$145 plus a 13% tax (\$18.85) per night for Location C lodging for Friday and Saturday. Even though the maximum per diem rate in Location C is \$203 (\$149/ \$54), the member is limited to \$122/night for lodging (and lodging tax on \$122 - 12% of \$122 (\$14.64)) and to \$51/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the maximum per diem rate for Location B is \$173 (\$122/ \$51) and the member is being paid per diem that would have been paid (max \$122 for lodging + \$51 for M&IE) had the member remained in Location B. The member's lodging tax in Location C each night is reimbursed but limited to \$14.64 per night (12% of \$122). The member is reimbursed NTE \$29.28 for lodging tax while in Location C. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations B and C.***

Example 2: Member TDY from Location X to Base Y (with a maximum per diem rate of \$161 (\$110/ \$51)) where the member is staying on the U.S. INSTALLATION for \$20/night with no tax and is being paid the \$29 PMR + \$5 CONUS "IE" rate (total \$34) based on the authorization/order content that indicates GOV'T QTRS and the PMR is directed. The member drives to Location Z on Friday night and returns to Base Y Sunday night. The member checks out of the Base Y GOV'T QTRS on Friday and stays in a Location Z hotel Friday and Saturday nights. The member pays \$75 and 12% lodging tax (\$9.00) for Location Z lodging each night on Friday and Saturday. Even though the Location Z per diem rate is \$128 (\$79/ \$49), the member is limited to \$20/night for lodging, no reimbursement of Location Z lodging tax, and is paid \$34/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem (\$20 for lodging + \$34 for the PMR-based rate of M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Base Y and limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost and PMR + CONUS "IE" since they were directed in the authorization/order. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations Y and Z.***

Example 3: Member TDY from Location D to Location E (with a per diem rate of \$161 (\$110/ \$51)), where the traveler is staying with friends and incurring no lodging costs. The member drives to Location F on Friday night and returns to Location E Sunday night. The member stays in a Location F hotel Friday and Saturday nights and pays \$75 and 12% lodging tax (\$9.00) for Location F lodging each night. Even though the Location F per diem rate is \$114 (\$70/ \$44), the member is paid \$75/night for lodging, and reimbursement of Location F lodging tax (\$18 for both nights), and is paid \$51/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem (NTE \$110 for lodging + \$51 for M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Location E. The fact that the member was staying with friends has no effect on the traveler's per diem on days when not staying with friends. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations E and F.***

U4177 NO PER DIEM OR A [PER DIEM](#) RATE IN A LESSER AMOUNT

The Secretary Concerned may authorize [per diem rates](#) in lesser amounts (to zero) when the circumstances of the travel or duty to be performed so warrant ***and are peculiar to that particular Service.*** Also see par. U4105-D. This authority may be delegated to a chief of an appropriate bureau or staff agency of the appropriate Service, but may not be further redelegated. ***The authorized reduced per diem rate must be stated on the travel authorization/order before travel begins (or as part of an authorization/order amendment/modification covering a prospective period after the original authorization/order modification was issued). In the absence of such authority, a travel authorization/order prescribing a different [per diem rate](#) is without effect and the applicable [locality rate](#) is used.*** Reduced per diem rate calculation should incorporate an amount for clothes laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing if the travel is OCONUS or for less than 7 days in CONUS.

U4179 PER DIEM RATE REVIEW

A. General. When a member, command or AO thinks that the lodging and/or meal expenses for an area are inconsistent with the prescribed per diem rate, a letter identifying the location and nature of the problem should be sent to the appropriate activity listed in par. U4179-B via (1) the appropriate command channels and (2) via the applicable department/office listed below:

1. Army - Army Military Advisory Panel Member, HQDA, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, Attn: DAPE-PRC, 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300.
2. Navy - Navy Military Advisory Panel Member, Chief of Naval Operations (N130E), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-2000.
3. Marine Corps - Marine Corps Military Advisory Panel Member, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.
- *4. Air Force - Air Force Military Advisory Panel Member, HQ USAF/A1PA, 2221 S. Clark Street, Crystal Plaza 6 Ste 500, Arlington, VA 22202-3745.
5. Coast Guard - Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801.
6. NOAA Corps - Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333.
7. U.S. Public Health Service - Office of Commissioned Corps Force Management, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.
8. Office of the Secretary of Defense and other DoD Components - Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, ATTN: E&S Branch, 4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203-1546.

NOTE: *To cover one-time necessary expenses in excess of the prescribed per diem rate, see Ch 4, Part C.*

B. Final Submission Process. The Service determines the survey request is valid (depending on the location in question along with other factors) and then may submit the request to:

CONUS Locations

General Services Administration
Office of Governmentwide
ATTN: Travel Mgmt Division (MTT)
1800 F Street NW, #G-219
Washington, DC 20405-0001

Non-Foreign OCONUS Locations

**Per Diem, Travel and
Transportation Allowance
Committee (PDTATAC)**
ATTN: E&S Branch
4601 North Fairfax Drive
Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

Foreign OCONUS Locations

Department of State
Director of Allowances
State Annex 29, Room 262
Washington, DC 20522-2902

U4181 PER DIEM AND AEA ON A SINGLE TRIP

A member performing TDY at more than one location on a per diem and actual expense basis for a single trip is authorized the allowances prescribed in par. U4260-D.

U4183 QUICK REFERENCE TABLES - PER DIEM

The following tables are for reference purposes only. For applicable rules see Ch 4, Part B. See pars. U4163 & U4800 when JTF operations are involved.

Quick Reference - Per Diem						
TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours						
Footnotes: See table # 4						
(1) Departure Day from PDS						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Arrived at the TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the same day as departed the PDS.	Arrived at the TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the same day as departed the PDS. The member occupied GOV'T QTRS.	Arrived at the TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION – GOV'T QTRS available) on the same day as departed the PDS. The member elected not to occupy available GOV'T QTRS.	Traveled overnight – no lodging required.	Overnight lodging required at a stopover en route to the TDY location.	Arrived on the same day as departed from the PDS at the TDY location where per diem at a lesser amount than rate prescribed for the TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
Per Diem for the Departure Day from the PDS 6/	75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY locality 1/ plus the lodging cost NTE the maximum lodging prescribed for the TDY locality. ^{2/, 4/}	75% of M&IE rate for TDY locality 1/ plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS NTE maximum lodging prescribed for TDY locality.	75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY locality 1/ plus the cost of lodgings occupied NTE cost of available GOV'T QTRS. No lodging tax reimbursement.	75% of the M&IE rate for the next destination (TDY/stopover point) locality 1/ for departure day.	75% of the M&IE rate for the en route stopover locality plus lodging cost NTE the maximum lodging amount prescribed for the stopover locality. ^{2/, 4/}	75 % of the M&IE rate for TDY locality ^{1/} plus lodging ^{2/, 4/} cost NTE the maximum lodging prescribed for the TDY locality. The per diem rate authorized under par. U4135 applies to full days at the TDY location.

(2) Whole Travel Days - CONUS						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Traveled overnight & arrived at a CONUS TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on day after departing PDS.	Traveled overnight & arrived at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS. GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION).	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) –GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) when a member elects not to occupy available GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality at which per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate for TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
Per Diem for Whole Travel Days ^{5/}	M&IE applicable to the CONUS TDY locality (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals) plus the cost of lodging NTE maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality. ^{2/}	*M&IE plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS. (M&IE may be at the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, or PMR plus \$5 if the AO specifies the PMR based on 1 or 2 deductible . ^{1/}	*M&IE applicable to the CONUS TDY locality plus the cost of lodging NTE the maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality ^{2/} (unless the AO specifies the PMR plus \$5 when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided ^{6/} – par. U4165-1)	*M&IE plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS. (M&IE may be at (1) the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, (2) Standard GMR plus \$5, if the AO specifies the GMR in advance , (3) PMR plus \$5 if the AO specifies in advance the PMR, or (4) no amount for meals plus \$5 when the AO directs essential unit messing or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/ mess use/ availability) (see par. U4149 for M&IE rate determination))	*M&IE plus the cost of lodging NTE the cost of GOV'T QTRS (Lodging tax is not reimbursable). (M&IE may be at (1) the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, (2) Standard GMR plus \$5, if directed in the authorization/ order, (3) PMR plus \$5 if directed in the authorization/ order, or (4) no amount for meals plus \$5 when the authorization/order directs essential unit messing or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/ mess use/ availability) (see par. U4149 for M&IE rate determination))	Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.

(3) Whole Travel Days – OCONUS						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Traveled overnight & arrived at an OCONUS TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS.	Traveled overnight & arrived at an OCONUS TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS. GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at the OCONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION)	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) when the member elects not to occupy available GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality at which per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate for the TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
Per Diem for Whole Travel Days ^{5/}	M&IE ^{3/} applicable to the OCONUS TDY locality (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals) plus the cost of lodging ^{4/} NTE the maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality.	M&IE plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS. (M&IE may be at the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, or PMR plus locality or \$3.50 IE if the AO specifies the PMR and 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided. ^{1/})	M&IE ^{3/} applicable to the OCONUS TDY locality plus the cost of lodging ^{4/} NTE the maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality. (If the AO specifies the PMR when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided, the M&IE is PMR plus locality or \$3.50 IE ^{6/} – par. U4165-1)	M&IE plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS. (M&IE may be at (1) the meal rate prescribed for the TDY locality plus locality or \$3.50 IE, (2) Standard GMR plus locality or \$3.50 IE ^{3/} , if directed in the authorization/order, (3) PMR plus locality or \$3.50 IE ^{3/} , if directed in the authorization/order, or (4) no amount for meals plus locality or \$3.50 IE ^{3/} when the authorization/order directs essential unit messing or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/ mess use/ availability and par. U4149 for the applicable M&IE rate).	M&IE plus the cost of lodging NTE the cost of GOV'T QTRS ^{4/} . (M&IE may be at (1) the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, (2) Standard GMR plus locality or \$3.50 IE ^{3/} , if directed in the authorization/order, (3) PMR plus locality or \$3.50 IE ^{3/} , if directed in the authorization/order, or (4) no amount for meals plus locality or \$3.50 IE ^{3/} when the authorization/order directs essential unit messing or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/mess use/ availability and par. U4149 for the applicable M&IE rate)).	Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.

(4) Day of Return to PDS					
	A	B	C	D	E
	Arrived at the PDS on same day as departed the TDY location.	Traveled overnight (no lodging required) & arrived at the PDS on the day after departing the TDY location.	On the departure day from the TDY location overnight lodging was required at a stopover en route to the PDS.	On the day travel ended lodging was required en route to the PDS.	Arrived at the PDS on the same day as departed the TDY location where per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
Per Diem for Return Day to PDS ^{5/}	75% of M&IE rate for last TDY locality. ^{1/}	For day of departure from the TDY location M&IE at the rate prescribed for the TDY locality. Day of arrival at the PDS, 75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY locality. ^{1/}	For departure day from the TDY: M&IE plus lodging ^{2/, 4} cost NTE the rate for the stopover locality. For the day of arrival at PDS: 75% of M&IE rate for the stopover locality.	75% of the M&IE rate plus the cost of lodging based on the locality rate where lodging was obtained if authorized/ approved by the AO. See par. U4169.	75% of M&IE prescribed for the TDY locality.

Footnotes

1/ GMR/PMR and the \$3.50 incidental rate do not apply on day of departure from, or return to the PDS, or any day the member is traveling.

2/ Lodging tax is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas because a tax amount is not included in the applicable maximum lodging amount.

3/ For OCONUS travel the AO can determine that an incidental expense (IE) of \$3.50, in lieu of the TDY locality IE, is adequate for anticipated expenses. The OCONUS IE rate of \$3.50 may be authorized and must be stated in the authorization/order.

4/ Lodging tax **is not** a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in a foreign area because a tax amount is included in the applicable foreign area maximum lodging amount.

5/ (a) The cost incurred during TDY travel (not after returning to the PDS) for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing, up to an average of \$2 per day, is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to per diem/AEA when travel **within CONUS** requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging **in CONUS** (i.e., 6 nights, no laundry, 7 nights, NTE \$14, 8 Nights NTE \$16, etc.).

(b) The cost incurred during TDY travel for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing **is not** a miscellaneous reimbursable expense for **OCONUS** travel and is part of the incidental expense (IE) included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/approved for **OCONUS** travel.

6/ On any day that 3 deductible meals are provided without cost to the member, no reimbursement is allowed for meals.

PART C: ACTUAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE (AEA)

U4200 GENERAL

An AEA allows a member to be reimbursed, in unusual circumstances, for actual and necessary expenses that exceed the maximum locality per diem rate. When authorized/approved, AEA is in lieu of per diem in Part B, or the applicable [per diem rate](#).

U4205 JUSTIFICATION

An AEA may be authorized/approved for travel when the [per diem rate](#) is insufficient for part, or all, of a travel assignment because:

1. Actual and necessary expenses (especially lodgings) exceed the maximum per diem,
2. Of special duties, or
3. Costs for items in par. U4225-A have escalated temporarily due to special/unforeseen events.

U4210 AUTHORITY/APPROVAL

The AO may authorize AEA up to 300% of the locality per diem rate (rounded to the next higher dollar). AEA:

1. May be authorized before travel begins, or approved after travel is performed, except for an AEA under par. U4250 which may be authorized only in advance of travel;
2. Should be stated in the travel authorization/order/trip record when authorized in advance of travel;
3. May be authorized/approved for the entire trip (including travel time) or may be authorized/approved for portions of trips (with per diem automatically covering the other trip portions);

Uniformity of allowances must be ensured (if possible) among travelers traveling at GOV'T expense when they travel together and/or to the same place at which an AEA is warranted.

U4215 LIMITATIONS

1. Authority to prescribe an AEA must not be used as blanket authority to authorize/approve automatic AEA for all travel to an area.
2. AEA is prescribed only on an individual trip basis, and only after consideration of the facts existing in each case. ***AEA must not be authorized as part of a 'blanket' travel authorization/order.***
3. If it is necessary to exercise this authority repetitively or on a continuing basis in a particular area, the Service/DoD Component concerned should submit a request for a per diem rate adjustment. See par. U4179.
4. The definitions and rules applicable to the per diem authorization under Ch 4, Part B while TDY apply to travel on an actual expense basis unless otherwise stated in this Part.
5. A traveler is financially responsible for excess costs and any additional expenses incurred for personal preference/convenience.

U4220 TDY ASSIGNMENTS THAT MAY WARRANT AEA AUTHORIZATION/APPROVAL

A. Examples. TDY assignments that may warrant authorization/approval of AEA include travel:

1. With a dignitary that requires use of the same hotel as the dignitary;

2. To an area where the costs have escalated for a short time period during a special function/event such as a:
 - a. Missile launch,
 - b. Sports event,
 - c. World's fair,
 - d. Convention,
 - e. Natural disaster, or
 - f. Similar event;
3. To a location at which affordable lodgings are not available within a reasonable travel distance of the traveler's TDY point, and transportation costs to commute to and from the less expensive lodging facility consume most or all of any savings achieved from occupying less expensive lodging;
4. During which special duties of the assignment require the traveler to incur unusually high expenses (e.g., the traveler must procure superior/extraordinary accommodations including a suite or other QTRS for which the charge is well above what ordinarily would have been paid for accommodations);
5. During which the traveler incurs unusually high expenses because of an assignment to accompany another traveler in the situation in par. U4220-A4 above; and
6. In similar situations.

B. Travel with Certain Dignitaries. Without further demonstration of unusual/extraordinary requirements AEA is authorized for a traveler who is directed to travel as part of the party of any of the following dignitaries. See also Ch 7, Part U.

1. The U.S. President/Vice President, or members of their families;
2. U.S. Congress members;
3. U.S. Cabinet members;
4. Department Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries, or Assistant Secretaries;
5. Supreme Court Justices;
6. Chairman/Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;
7. The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; the Chief of Naval Operations; the Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; the Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and the Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service;
8. U.S. Ambassadors, Ministers, and Consuls to foreign countries;
9. U.S. Delegates to international conferences/meetings;
10. Very Important Persons (VIPs) as specified by the President/Vice President of the U.S.;
11. Candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the U.S. and their family members, including the persons elected to those offices; and

12. Other U.S./foreign dignitaries equivalent in rank to any of those mentioned above.

C. Air Crew Travel. Travel requirements when traveling with dignitaries do not ordinarily impose excess cost requirements on the aircrews of Special Air Missions, Air Mobility Command (AMC), or other GOV'T aircraft that provide transportation, even when assigned exclusively to that duty. ***For this reason, AEA may be authorized/ approved for any aircrew member only when the official performing travel or the crew's commander specifically requests AEA for one or more of the air crew with an acceptable explanation of why an AEA is necessary.***

U4225 EXPENSES

A. Expenses Allowed. AEAs include expenses ordinarily covered by the APP A PER DIEM definition.

B. Expenses Not Allowed. The following expenses are not allowed. The cost of meals:

1. And/or lodging procured at personal expense in lieu of meals and/or lodging provided for in a registration fee paid by the GOV'T;
2. Procured at the member's PDS, residence, or at, or en route to/from, a nearby carrier terminal at which the member's travel begins/ends ([B-189622, 24 March 1978](#)); or
3. Purchased after leaving the carrier when meals are included in the price of a carrier ticket and are provided during the trip and there is no justifiable reason why the member did not eat the meal(s) served during the trip, or why an extra meal(s) was required. The fact that a meal furnished on the carrier is not the quality and quantity that the member is accustomed to is a matter of personal preference and is not a "justifiable reason". See [B-193504, 9 August 1979](#) and [B-192246, 8 January 1979](#).

U4250 OVER 300% MAXIMUM AEA

Under special/unusual circumstances or when a **member** has no alternative but to obtain **OCONUS** lodging that exceeds 300% of the applicable [rate](#), an amount in excess of 300% may be authorized **in advance only** by an AEA issued by:

1. The PDTATAC Chief. These requests must be submitted IAW pars. U4210-1 to:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
ATTN: Regulatory Team
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

or by email to pdtatac@dtmo.pentagon.mil with "AEA REQUEST" in the subject line; or

2. The Secretary Concerned for specific OCONUS classified missions. ***This authority must not be re-delegated.***

NOTE: An AEA in excess of 300% must be: (1) made in advance of travel, (2) for an OCONUS location, and (3) for a Uniformed Service member. This AEA type cannot be authorized for civilian employees.

U4255 REIMBURSEMENT

A. Limitations

1. The daily reimbursement limit is the lesser of the actual expenses incurred or the AEA maximum amount.
2. Expenses incurred and claimed must be reviewed, and allowed only when necessary and reasonable.

3. Depending on what AEA level is authorized/approved, reimbursement for M&IE must not exceed the percentage of AEA authorized NTE 300% of the M&IE rate for the TDY location. For example, if AEA for 200% is authorized, AEA NTE 200% of the M&IE rate for the TDY location may be paid.

B. IE. The maximum reimbursement for IE is:

1. CONUS. \$5.00 in CONUS, and

2. OCONUS

a. The locality incidental expense rate, or,

b. \$3.50 OCONUS for all full TDY days (except the days travel begins/ends) when the AO determines the \$3.50 rate is adequate to meet anticipated expenses or for Coast Guard member TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV'T QTRS are available on that U.S. INSTALLATION.

C. M&IE Paid on a Per Diem Basis

1. M&IE may be reimbursed under the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method (see pars. U4149 and U4151) while the lodging cost is reimbursed on an actual expense basis.

2. The amount allowed for M&IE and the lodging cost may not exceed the daily maximum authorized in the AEA for the locality.

3. EXAMPLE:

a. A traveler is authorized/approved an AEA for lodging.

b. The traveler is paid M&IE on a per diem basis. Itemization of M&IE is not required when M&IE is paid on a per diem basis.

c. The locality per diem rate is \$60 (lodging) + \$46 (M&IE) = \$106 (Total).

d. The AEA must not exceed 150% of the **total** locality per diem rate.

e. The AEA for the maximum amount allowed for **lodging** is computed as follows:

(1) \$106 (Total Per Diem) x 150% = \$159,

(2) \$159 - \$46 (M&IE) = \$113 maximum allowed for lodging.

NOTE: 'Unused' AEA lodging funds cannot be used to increase the AEA for M&IE above 150% or 300% (depending on which level is authorized/approved).

D. Lodging and/or Meals Obtained under Contract. When a contracting officer contracts for rooms and/or meals for a TDY member, and actual expense reimbursement is authorized/approved, the total daily amount paid by the GOV'T to the vendor(s) and reimbursed to the member for lodging, and M&IE may not exceed the daily maximum authorized under pars. U4210 and U4255 ([60 Comp. Gen. 181 \(1981\)](#) and [62 id. 308 \(1983\)](#)).

E. Itemization. A detailed statement showing itemized expenses for each calendar day, excluding items claimed separately (such as taxicab fares and registration fees) must be submitted for AEA reimbursement. For M&IE reimbursement on a per diem basis (and AEA for lodging only), itemization of M&IE is not required.

U4260 AEA COMPUTATION

A. General. The daily amount is not prorated for fractions of a day; however, expenses incurred and claimed for a fraction of a day must be reviewed and allowed by the AO to be paid. ***In no case can the amount reimbursed be more than the amount authorized/approved in an actual expense authorization for the area concerned.***

B. Meals Available under Special Arrangements. When TDY is a special mission (e.g., deployment to foreign military bases, forest fire details, rescue and aircraft recovery missions, or TDY to remote areas) and non-deductible meals are available under special arrangements; reimbursement of actual expenses for such meals is limited to the charge for each meal, NTE the arranged charges for three meals per day.

C. Averaging Expenses

1. When an AEA is authorized/approved that includes M&IE, the daily amount of IE that do not accrue on a daily basis may be averaged over the days for which AEA at the location is authorized/approved. These IEs include laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing incurred at OCONUS locations (see the IE portion of the APP A PER DIEM definition), hotel maid tips, and similar expenses. ***Averaging IE does not apply if an AEA is authorized for lodging only and M&IE is paid on a per diem basis.***

2. The cost incurred during TDY travel for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing (***not before leaving or after returning to the PDS***) is:

a. A separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense (up to an average of \$2 per day) in addition to per diem/AEA when CONUS travel requires at least 7 consecutive nights of CONUS TDY lodging. For example, a member on a 10-day TDY to a CONUS location (receiving AEA while there) incurs a \$40 dry-cleaning bill. The \$40 cost is averaged over the 10-day TDY to equal a \$4 per day average cost. The member may only be reimbursed for \$2 per day so the total reimbursement is \$20. ***NOTE: This is not payable unless expenses have been incurred.,*** or

b. Not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense for OCONUS travel and is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/approved for OCONUS travel. For instance, a member on an 8-day (Saturday-Saturday) TDY to an OCONUS location (receiving AEA while there) incurs a \$32 dry-cleaning cost on Friday. The \$32 cost is averaged over the 8-day TDY and the member may indicate that \$4 was paid daily.

D. Mixed Travel (Per Diem and Actual Expense)

1. General. Mixed travel involves more than one daily maximum reimbursement rate during a single trip and/or reimbursement on both a per diem and an actual expense basis on a single trip. The applicable rate and/or reimbursement method for each calendar day (beginning at 0001) is determined by the traveler's status and TDY location at 2400 of that calendar day. See par. U4145-A. Only one rate and reimbursement method is authorized for each day except when reimbursement is authorized for occasional meals or lodging in par. U4510.

2. Departure Day Reimbursement. The reimbursement method and daily maximum for the departure day from the PDS is the same as for the first location where lodging is required.

3. Return Day Reimbursement. On the return day to the PDS, the same method and daily maximum applicable to the previous calendar day applies. When return travel to the home/PDS requires 2 or more days, see par. U4147 for reimbursement method.

U4265 COMPUTATION EXAMPLES

A. CONUS/Non-Foreign OCONUS. The maximum amount allowed for lodging in the U.S. and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in the U.S. and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to AEA.

B. OCONUS. The maximum amount allowed for lodging in foreign OCONUS areas/countries includes a lodging tax amount. Tax on lodging in foreign OCONUS areas/countries is part of per diem/AEA and is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

C. Examples. Following are computation examples when travel is authorized on an actual expense basis and on an actual expense and per diem basis on the same trip:

*EXAMPLE 1			
AEA Single TDY location			
AEA authorized for lodging and M&IE paid on a per diem basis.			
<i>Refer to par. U4250 for AEA increases beyond 300% (OCONUS TDY only). ‘Unused’ AEA lodging cannot be used to increase the AEA for M&IE above the authorized/approved level (NTE 300%).</i>			
<u>TDY Location Per Diem w/o AEA</u> Maximum Per Diem - \$150 Lodging - \$99 M&IE - \$51		<u>TDY Location Per Diem w/AEA</u> AEA authorized NTE \$450 (\$150 x 300%) Lodging NTE \$399 (\$450 - \$51)M&IE - \$51	
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	Lodging
10 Aug	Residence	TDY	\$330.00
11-12 Aug		At TDY Station, Lodging - \$330/day x 2 days =	\$660.00
13 Aug	TDY	Residence	
Date	REIMBURSEMENT (denotes AEA computation)		Amount
10 Aug	\$330 + [\$51 x 75%] = \$330 + \$38.25 =		\$368.25
11-12 Aug	\$330 + \$51 = \$381/day x 2 days =		\$762.00
13 Aug	\$51 x 75% = \$38.25		\$38.25
Total Reimbursement			\$1,168.50

*EXAMPLE 2			
AEA to multiple TDY locations A, B, and C			
Location A – AEA authorized for lodging, M&IE paid on a per diem basis, \$332 (\$331.50 = \$332 = \$261/ \$71).			
Location B – Lodging and M&IE paid on a per diem basis, \$123 (\$77/ \$46).			
Location C – Lodging and M&IE paid on a per diem basis, \$128 (\$77/ \$51).			
<i>Refer to par. U4250 for AEA increases beyond 300% (OCONUS TDY only). ‘Unused’ AEA lodging cannot be used to increase the AEA for M&IE above the authorized/approved level (NTE 300%).</i>			
<u>TDY Location ‘A’ Per Diem w/o AEA</u>		<u>TDY Location ‘A’ Per Diem Rate w/AEA</u>	
Maximum Per Diem - \$221		AEA authorized NTE \$332.00 (\$221 x 150% = \$331.50 = \$332)	
Lodging - \$150, M&IE - \$71		Lodging NTE \$261 (\$332 - \$71)	
		M&IE - \$71	
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	Lodging
7 Sep	Residence	TDY, Location A	\$170.00
8 Sep		TDY, Location A	\$170.00
9 Sep	TDY, Location A	TDY, Location B	\$70.00
10 Sep		TDY, Location B	\$70.00
11 Sep	TDY, Location B	TDY, Location C	\$75.00
12 Sep	TDY, Location C	Residence	
Date	REIMBURSEMENT (denotes AEA computation)		Amount
7 Sep	\$170 (AEA lodging) + [\$71 x 75%] = \$170 + \$53.25, TDY Location A=		\$223.25
8 Sep	\$170 (AEA lodging) + \$71 =		\$241.00
9-10 Sep	\$70 + \$46 = \$116/day x 2 days, TDY Location B =		\$232.00
11 Sep	\$75 + \$51 , TDY Location C =		\$126.00
12 Sep	\$51 x 75% =		\$38.25
Total Reimbursement			\$860.50

***EXAMPLE 3**

**AEA Single TDY location
AEA authorized for lodging and M&IE**

When AEA for lodging and M&IE exceeds the maximum AEA locality per diem rate, decrease the AEA M&IE rate to the descending dollar and add the extra cents to the AEA lodging amount. The adjusted per diem AEA is \$225 (\$149/ \$76). This applies when the individual AEA amounts exceed the maximum daily AEA per diem rate IAW par. U1007-A2.

Refer to par. U4250 for AEA increases beyond 300% (OCONUS TDY only). *'Unused' AEA lodging cannot be used to increase the AEA for M&IE above the authorized/approved level (150% or 300%).*

<u>CONUS TDY Location Per Diem w/o AEA</u>			<u>CONUS TDY Location Per Diem w/AEA</u>	
Maximum Per Diem - \$150 Lodging - \$99, M&IE - \$51			AEA authorized NTE \$225 (\$150/day x 150% = \$225/day) Lodging NTE \$149 (\$99/day x 150% = \$148.50 = \$149, add \$.50) M&IE - \$76 (\$51/day x 150% = \$76.50 = \$77, reduce to \$76)	
ITINERARY				
Date	Depart	Arrive	M&IE	Lodging
10 Aug	Residence	En route/TDY	Dinner - \$25	\$130.00
11 Aug		At TDY Station	Breakfast - \$6, Lunch - \$10, Dinner - \$24, IE - \$5	\$130.00
12 Aug		At TDY Station	Breakfast - \$15, Lunch - \$20, Dinner - \$40, IE - \$5	\$130.00
13 Aug	TDY	Residence	Breakfast - \$5, Lunch \$12	
Date	REIMBURSEMENT (using AEA computation)			Amount
10 Aug	\$130 + \$25 =			\$155.00
11 Aug	\$130 + \$45 =			\$175.00
12 Aug	\$130 + \$80 (reduced to \$76) = (Total M&IE is limited by maximum daily \$76 AEA M&IE)			\$206.00
13 Aug	\$17			\$17.00
Total Reimbursement				\$553.00

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PART I: REIMBURSEMENT OPTIONS FOR MEMBERS ON TDY WITHIN A COMBATANT COMMAND OR JOINT TASK FORCE AOR

U4800 DEFINITIONS

A. Combatant Command AOR. A specified AOR location where various forces are moved to complete operational actions in low or high intensity operations/exercises. Organizations in the AOR are composed of direct units, coalition forces, CJCS, JTFs and other operating forces supporting the Combatant Commander's operations.

B. Joint Task Force (JTF). A force composed of assigned or attached elements of the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Air Force, or two or more of these Services, which is constituted and so designated by the SECDEF or by the commander of a unified command or an existing JTF (as defined by Joint Publication 1-02, DoD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms). For this Part, the definition also includes Coast Guard.

C. Operational Deployment. Those contingencies or other operations directed by the SECDEF in support of a United Nations (UN) or Combatant Commander's mission. These include, but are not limited to, UN and JTF peacekeeping, nation building, and humanitarian missions; and operations against an actual or potential enemy. (See APP A CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS definition.)

D. Exercises. Those Service, Combatant Commander, or CJCS training military maneuvers or simulated wartime operations whose primary purpose is to enhance unit readiness and mission capability. For example, war games, field exercises, or maneuvers that may or may not involve more than one Service. Members/units are placed in field duty.

E. TDY Options

NOTE: See par. U1035 for continuation of the IE portion of the TDY per diem for a "hospitalized member," as that term is defined under the OUSD(P&R) Memorandum, 15 May 08, and DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 13.

1. General

a. The Combatant Commander/JTF Commander:

- (1) Provides equity for travel and transportation allowances payment in the AOR and actions within the AOR;
- (2) Determines the appropriate TDY option for all assigned personnel from all of the Services within the AOR which establishes the per diem meal rate and lodging conditions, after consultation with Service component commanders;
- (3) May delegate authority to a subordinate commander that directs the travel in individual travel cases or specific circumstances to prescribe a different per diem rate, which includes lodging, meal and incidental expense and/or lodging rate; and
- (4) Must communicate these decisions (including the appropriate meal rate and/or lodging rate) to the appropriate Services for inclusion in authorizations/orders. ***NOTE: JTF exercises must be field duty.***

b. These decisions apply to all members temporarily assigned for operational deployment to a Combatant Command and/or JTF performing duty under similar conditions within the same AOR.

c. The Secretarial Process for each Service may direct a TDY option different than the one used for Combatant Command and/or JTF members for members:

- (1) Not located in the Combatant Command's/JTF's AOR, but who are operating in a support capacity, or
- (2) Are located in the Combatant Command's/JTF's AOR, but are not part of the Combatant Command/JTF.

2. Regular TDY

a. General. For regular TDY a member:

- (1) Travels to one or more locations away from the PDS to perform TDY ordinarily for less than 180 days (see par. U2145-B for exceptions and waiver authority to the 180 day limit);
- (2) Is reimbursed for lodging, meals and incidental expenses in Ch 4, Part B or par. U4800-E2b; and
- (3) Receiving the GMR while TDY to a Combatant Commander's/JTF Commander's AOR, who travels within that AOR, is not traveling for M&IE purposes for par. U4151-B4 (e.g., if a TDY member travels from one AOR location to another location in the same AOR, and the GMR rate applies to both locations, then the GMR applies for that day unless GOV'T meals are not available).
NOTE: GMR and the \$3.50 incidental rate do not apply on days the member is traveling into/out of an AOR.

b. Temporary Dining Facilities – Combatant Command or JTF

- (1) If a member consumes meals at the Combatant Command's/JTF's temporary dining facility and are charged the discount GMR for meals, they are reimbursed the discount GMR plus an incidental expense of:
 - *(a) \$5.00 in CONUS, or
 - (b) The applicable [locality incidental expenses rate](#) or \$3.50 OCONUS when the Combatant Commander/JTF commander determines \$3.50 to be adequate.
- (2) If the member's statement is accepted to support increased per diem for a missed meal at a Combatant Command's/JTF's temporary dining facility, the PMR is authorized for that day. See pars. U4149-C and U4151-C.
- (3) If Combatant Command/JTF members outside the AOR or en route to the AOR pay the meal rate IAW the DoDFMR at http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/12/12_19.pdf, they are reimbursed IAW Ch 4, Part B.

c. Operational Deployment. A member on an operational deployment is on "regular" TDY. See exceptions for exercises in par. U4800-D4.

3. Essential Unit Messing (EUM). EUM may be used for operational deployments when the following circumstances apply:

a. EUM may be required in a command/organizational unit when it:

- (1) Enhances operational readiness,
- (2) Enhances the conduct of military operations, or
- (3) Is necessary for the effective conduct of training.

- b. Designation of EUM is not applied to individual service members, but is applied to:
 - (1) Organizational units,
 - (2) Operational elements, or
 - (3) Detachments.
 - c. The member is provided GOV'T QTRS, and to maintain unit readiness, is required to use a GOV'T dining facility/mess.
 - d. The member is paid only the incidental portion of the daily M&IE rate.
4. Field Duty. During field duty (APP A FIELD DUTY definition) the member is:
- a. Subsisted in a GOV'T dining facility/mess or with an organization that is receiving field rations, and is serving with troops on maneuvers, war games, field exercises, or similar types of operations.
 - b. Furnished GOV'T QTRS or quartered in accommodations ordinarily associated with field exercises.
 - c. Not paid per diem as everything, the cost of which is ordinarily reimbursed by per diem, is furnished at no additional cost to the member, i.e., at no cost that exceeds that which the member would normally incur at the PDS.

NOTE: A Combatant Commander/JTF-determined official may place the member in a field duty status if QTRS and subsistence, obtained by contract, are furnished.

Part I: Reimb Options for Mbrs on TDY w/in a Combatant Command/JTF AOR

TABLE 1 JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS			
<u>SUBSIST ASHORE</u>			
TDY Option	Subsistence	Per Diem	Remarks
Regular TDY	Commercial Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and Meals
	GOV'T QTRS and GOV'T Meals - Permanent U.S. INSTALLATION	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and GMR Full Meal Rate 1/ for GOV'T Meals
	GOV'T QTRS and GOV'T Meals – Temporary U.S. INSTALLATION or Temporary Dining Facility/Mess Established for JTF Operation	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and for GOV'T Meals at GMR Discount Meal Rate 2/
	GOV'T QTRS and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and Meals
	Commercial QTRS and GOV'T Meals (In AOR only)	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate for GOV'T Meals
EUM	GOV'T QTRS and GOV'T Meals Use is Essential for Training and Readiness Purposes	IE	
Field Duty	GOV'T QTRS, Meals and Incidentals Provided	None	
<u>SUBSIST ABOARD GOV'T VESSEL 3/</u>			
TDY	GOV'T QTRS and GOV'T Meals	None	
<u>FOOTNOTES:</u> 1/ GMR Full Meal Rate = Food costs plus operating expenses. 2/ GMR Discount Meal Rate = Food costs only. 3/ Member/employee deployed who is ordered to subsist ashore -- see "Subsist Ashore" (above table) for authorization/order type and payment guidelines.			

NOTE: For BAS see DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 25 or Coast Guard, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series), Chapter 3.

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U5635 DLA RATES

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U5105 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

A. General

1. Allowable Travel and Transportation Options. A member may elect to:
 - a. Travel by POC (see par. U5105-B),
 - b. Procure common carrier transportation (see par. U5105-C), or
 - c. Be provided transportation in kind (see par. U5105-D),
2. Exceptions. A member may elect the travel and transportation options listed above except when:
 - a. Travel is performed partly at personal expense and partly by GOV'T-procured transportation and/or GOV'T conveyance (see par. U5105-E),
 - b. The transportation mode is directed (including members traveling together with no/limited reimbursement directed in the authorization/order) (see par. U5108),
 - c. Travel OCONUS is involved (see par. U5116),
 - d. There are special circumstances (see par. U5120 and Ch 7), or
 - e. POV delivery/pickup is involved (see par. U5413).

B. 'MALT-Plus' for POC Travel. Other than for transoceanic travel, PCS travel by POC is to the GOV'T'S advantage. A member traveling by POC is authorized 'MALT-Plus'. The MALT (see par. U2605) is paid on a "per mile" basis for the official distance of each portion of the ordered travel. See par. U3010. The 'Plus' (per diem) portion is paid on a whole day calendar basis for the allowable travel time. 'Lodgings-Plus' computed per diem or AEA (as prescribed in Ch 4, Part B or Ch 4, Part C) may not be paid for the same day as 'MALT-Plus' per diem. However, a per diem or AEA is authorized for any necessary overnight delay or processing time at a transportation terminal or personnel processing center except when prohibited by par. U5125-A3 or U5130-A3. On any day that 'MALT-Plus' and a 'Lodgings-Plus' computed per diem are potentially payable (e.g., mixed transportation modes used on the same day, or when arriving by POC and remaining overnight near a transportation terminal), 'Lodgings-Plus' computed per diem is paid. In addition to 'Lodgings-Plus' computed per diem, the member is authorized the MALT for POC travel. See par. U5106 for examples.

1. MALT Rate. The MALT paid (see par. U2605 for the rate) is determined by the official distance for which MALT may be paid under the circumstances (as determined IAW the applicable provisions of this regulation). An authorized traveler is a member, a civilian employee, and/or a dependent traveling IAW a PCS authorization/order and whose transportation is to be reimbursed using a PCS authorization/order as authority. If more than one member/civilian employee travels as an authorized traveler in the same POC, only the authorized traveler incurring the expenses is authorized MALT for the official distance. The authorized traveler who is authorized MALT is also authorized to receive the reimbursable expenses.

Example 1: A member-married-to-member couple, each on a PCS authorization/order, and their two children travel together in one POC. One member is paid MALT for the official distance and all reimbursable expenses.

Example 2: Three unrelated members, each on a PCS authorization/order, travel together in one POC between two PDS locations. The member incurring the costs receives MALT for the official distance and may submit all reimbursable expenses.

Example 3: Member-married-to-GOV'T civilian employee, each traveling on an authorization/order and eligible for travel and transportation allowances, and their child travel together in one POC. Only one may receive MALT for the official distance. Either the member or the GOV'T civilian employee may submit all reimbursable expenses.

Reimbursement of parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge, and tunnel tolls is authorized for the direct route between the official points involved. Only one authorized traveler may claim reimbursement for these expenses (i.e., duplicate payments for the same expenses are not permitted).

NOTE: *Charges for repairs, depreciation, replacements, grease, oil, antifreeze, towage and similar speculative expenses are not reimbursable expenses ICW using a POC on official travel. However, a member may be eligible to submit a claim for repairs to POCs used for official travel, using Service procedures, under 31 USC §3721.*

2. Per Diem. A flat per diem at the [Standard CONUS per diem rate](#) is paid for each PCS travel day between authorized points, NTE the allowable travel time computed under par. U5160. *If used, GOV'T QTRS and/or mess have no effect on the per diem amount paid.* Each member traveling in a POC is authorized the [Standard CONUS per diem rate](#).

C. Reimbursement for Common Carrier Transportation Plus Per Diem. *It is MANDATORY DoD policy to use CTOs for all official transportation requirements.* A member who, despite the DoD policy, procures common carrier transportation at personal expense for official travel is authorized reimbursement NTE the amount authorized in pars. U3110, U3125, U3130, and U3135. However, reimbursement must not exceed the cost for the authorized transportation and accommodations over a usually traveled direct route IAW a schedule necessary to meet the authorization/order requirements. *Reimbursement under par. U5105-C is based on the non-capacity-controlled city-pair airfare (not the capacity-controlled city-pair airfare if both capacity-controlled and non-capacity-controlled airfares are available) only if GOV'T-procured transportation is available under par. U3120 (B-163758, 24 July 1972).* Per diem is computed under par. U5113.

D. Transportation in Kind Plus Per Diem. When the GOV'T provides transportation-in-kind at no cost, the member is authorized per diem under par. U5113.

E. Travel by Mixed Modes

1. General. If a member travels by mixed modes for a separate journey (see par. U3010), reimbursement is determined under par. U5105-E2.

NOTE: *The following is not part of mixed mode travel in a journey:*

a. Travel between the duty station and local transportation terminal, or

b. Travel between local transportation terminals.

2. Computation. Total reimbursement for POC and personally-procured commercial travel may be no more than the 'MALT-Plus' payable for the entire ordered travel distance less the cost of any GOV'T-procured transportation used for a portion of the journey. ***NOTE:*** *Do not collect excess cost from the member if deducting the cost of the GOV'T-procured transportation for the ordered travel from the 'MALT-Plus' results in a negative amount.*

*3. PCS Mixed Modes Example

***PCS Mixed Modes**

NOTE: The rates used in this example may not be current. See par. U2025 for the current Standard CONUS per diem and par. U2600 for the MALT rate.

Date	Departure/Arrival	Location	Transportation
01 Jun	Depart:	Old PDS	CP
01 Jun	Arrive:	LV address	
20 Jun	Depart:	LV address	POC
30 Jun	Arrive:	New PDS	
DTOD distance from the old PDS to the new PDS is 2,984 miles DTOD distance from the leave address to the new PDS is 838 miles MALT rate per authorized POC is \$.24/mile 'MALT-Plus' per diem rate is \$116/day LV address M&IE is \$51.00 New PDS M&IE is \$71.00			
COST FOR ACTUAL TRAVEL:			
1 Jun	Commercial air cost from old PDS to leave address (non city-pair airfare)		\$250.00
	Taxi to airport		\$25.00
	Per diem: 75% x \$51 =		\$38.25
20 – 30 Jun	MALT: 838 miles x \$.24/mile =		\$201.12
	'MALT-Plus' per diem: \$116/day x 3 days =		\$348.00
Total Actual Cost =			\$862.37
COST FOR POC TRAVEL FOR THE ORDERED DISTANCE:			
1-9 Jun	MALT rate: 2,984 miles x \$.24/mile =		\$716.16
	'MALT-Plus' per diem: \$116/day x 9 days =		\$1,044.00
Total Constructed Cost =			\$1,760.16
Reimburse to the traveler the actual cost (\$862.37) NTE the constructed cost (\$1,760.16). The traveler is due \$862.37.			

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SECTION 3: PCS EXAMPLES - LODGINGS AND 'MALT-PLUS' PER DIEM

U5106 PCS EXAMPLES - LODGINGS AND 'MALT-PLUS' PER DIEM

EXAMPLE 1				
Date	Departure/Arrival	Location	Transportation	Distance
15 Jul	Depart:	Old PDS	POC	
	Arrive:	POE		114 miles
16 Jul	Depart:	POE	TP	
	Arrive:	POD		
16 Jul	Depart:	POD	CA	Taxi \$25
	Arrive:	New PDS		
Traveler spends \$115 for lodging on 15 July. POE per diem rate is \$188 (\$126/ \$62). POE is not the local terminal for the old PDS. M&IE for the new PDS is \$46. MALT rate per authorized POC is \$.24/mile.				
REIMBURSEMENT:				
15 Jul	Per Diem: $\$115 (\$115 < \$126) + 75\% \times \$62 = \$46.50 =$			\$ 161.50
	MALT: 114 miles x \$.24/mile =			\$27.36
16 Jul	Per Diem: $75\% \times \$46 =$			\$34.50
	Taxi			\$25.00
Total Reimbursement =				\$248.36
NOTE: MALT & ‘Lodgings-Plus’ per diem are paid for the same day.				

EXAMPLE 2				
The Standard CONUS per diem rate used in this example may not be current. See par. U2025 for the current Standard CONUS per diem rate .				
Date	Departure/Arrival	Location	Transportation	Distance
1 Aug	Depart:	Old PDS	POC	
3 Aug	Arrive:	POE		805 miles
4 Aug	Depart:	POE	TP	
	Arrive:	POD		
	Depart:	POD	CA	Taxi \$20
	Arrive:	New PDS		
Traveler spends \$110 for lodging on 3 Aug. POE per diem rate is \$152 (\$110/ \$42). M&IE for the new PDS is \$60. Standard CONUS per diem = \$116. MALT rate per authorized POC is \$.24/mile.				
REIMBURSEMENT:				
1-2 Aug	\$116/day x 2 days =			\$ 232.00
3 Aug	\$110 + \$42 =			\$152.00
	805 miles x \$.24/mile =			\$193.20
4 Aug	75% x \$60 =			\$45.00
	Taxi			<u>\$20.00</u>
Total Reimbursement =				\$642.20
<i>NOTE: Even though there is another ‘MALT-Plus’ per diem day payable, pay ‘Lodgings-Plus’ computed per diem for the night spent at the port.</i>				

EXAMPLE 3

The [Standard CONUS per diem rate](#) used in this example may not be current. See par. U2025 for the current [Standard CONUS per diem rate](#).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Departure/Arrival</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Distance</u>
1 Jun	Depart:	Old PDS	POC	
4 Jun	Arrive:	TDY Site		1,200 miles
10 Jun	Depart:	TDY Site	POC	
10 Jun	Arrive:	New PDS		300 miles

Traveler spends \$70/night for lodging 4-9 Jun while TDY.

TDY per diem rate is \$116 (\$70/ \$46).

Standard CONUS per diem = \$116.

MALT rate per authorized POC is \$.24/mile.

REIMBURSEMENT:

1-3 Jun	\$116/day x 3 days =	\$ 348.00
4 Jun	\$70 + \$46 =	\$116.00
	1,200 miles x \$.24/mile =	\$288.00
5-9 Jun	(\$70 + \$46)/day x 5 days =	\$580.00
10 Jun	\$116/day x 1 day =	\$116.00
	300 miles x \$.24/mile =	\$72.00
Total Reimbursement =		\$1,520.00

NOTE: Even though MALT is paid 4 June, pay 'Lodgings-Plus' per diem since the traveler arrived at the TDY location that day.

EXAMPLE 4

The [Standard CONUS per diem rate](#) used in this example may not be current. See par. U2025 for the current [Standard CONUS per diem rate](#).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Departure/Arrival</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Distance</u>
1 Jul	Depart:	Old PDS	POC	
10 Jul	Arrive:	POE		1,080 miles
11 Jul	Depart:	POE	TP	
	Arrive:	POD		
	Depart:	POD	POC	120 miles
	Arrive:	New PDS		

Traveler spends \$109 for lodging on 10 Jul.

POE per diem rate is \$155 (\$109/ \$46).

POD is not the local terminal for the new PDS.

New PDS M&IE is \$82.

Standard CONUS per diem = \$116.

MALT rate per authorized POC is \$.24/mile.

REIMBURSEMENT:

1-9 Jul	\$116/day x 3 days =	\$ 348.00
10 Jul	\$109 + \$46 =	\$155.00
	1,080 miles x \$.24/mile =	\$259.20
11 Jul	75% x \$82 =	\$61.50
	120 miles x \$.24/mile =	\$28.80
Total Reimbursement =		\$852.50

NOTE: Even though MALT is paid 11 July, pay 'Lodgings-Plus' computed per diem since the traveler also traveled by TP that day. This allows the traveler to also receive TLA on 11 July.

**SECTION 5: PER DIEM FOR PCS TRAVEL WHEN GOV'T OR COMMERCIAL
TRANSPORTATION USED****U5113 PER DIEM FOR PCS TRAVEL WHEN GOV'T OR COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION USED**

A. Rate. The 'new PDS' per diem rate and the procedure in par. U4145 are used for PCS travel when transportation is personally procured (par. U5105-C), or furnished as transportation-in-kind (par. U5105-D), for separate legs of a journey (par. U3010). If there is an overnight stop or TDY en route, the per diem rate for the arrival day at the overnight stop/TDY site is the stopover or TDY location rate, as appropriate. The new PDS rate does not override the destination rate logic in par. U4145. M&IE for the new PDS arrival day is the new PDS rate whether or not there is a stopover. **NOTE:** See par. U5113-D when the new PDS is a ship.

*EXAMPLE 1 (Crosses International Dateline)			
Date	Departure/Arrival	Location	Transportation
17 Feb	Depart:	Old PDS	GB
	Arrive:	POE	
18 Feb	Depart:	POE	TP
	Arrive:	POD	
19 Feb	Depart:	POD	TP
	Arrive:	New PDS	
Member spends \$150 for lodging on 17 February. POE per diem rate is \$291 (\$193/ \$98). POE is not the local terminal for the old PDS. Member spends \$100 for lodging on the second 18 February. POD per diem rate is \$161 (\$110/ \$51). M&IE for new PDS is \$46.			
REIMBURSEMENT:			
17 Feb	75% x \$98 = \$73.50 + \$150 (\$150 is less than \$193) =		\$ 223.50
18 Feb	\$51 (destination M&IE rate) =		51.00
18 Feb	\$51 + \$100 (\$100 is less than \$110) =		151.00
19 Feb	75% x \$46 (new PDS rate) =		<u>34.50</u>
Total Reimbursement =			\$460.00

*EXAMPLE 2 (Crosses International Dateline)			
Date	Departure/Arrival	Location	Transportation
18 Feb	Depart:	Old PDS	TP
18 Feb	Arrive:	POD	
19 Feb	Depart:	POD	TP
19 Feb	Arrive:	New PDS	
Member spends \$100 for lodging on the second 18 February. POD per diem rate is \$161 (\$110/ \$51). M&IE for new PDS is \$46.			
REIMBURSEMENT:			
18 Feb	75% x \$51 (destination M&IE rate) =		\$ 38.25
18 Feb	\$51 (destination M&IE rate) plus \$100 (\$100 less than \$110) =		151.00
19 Feb	75% x \$46 (new PDS rate) =		34.50
Total Reimbursement =			\$223.75

*EXAMPLE 3 (Crosses International Dateline)			
Date	Departure/Arrival	Location	Transportation
5 Mar	Depart:	Old PDS	TP
5 Mar	Arrive:	POD	
5 Mar	Depart:	POD	TP
5 Mar	Arrive:	New PDS	
POD per diem rate is \$177 (\$126/ \$51). M&IE for new PDS is \$46.			
REIMBURSEMENT:			
5 Mar	75% x \$46 (new PDS rate) =		\$ 34.50
5 Mar	75% x \$46 (new PDS rate) =		<u>34.50</u>
Total Reimbursement =			<u>\$69.00</u>

B. Partial Travel Days. The 75% rate in par. U4147 applies to the departure and arrival days at PDSs, designated places, or COT leave locations when 'Lodgings-Plus' per diem is paid. If travel begins and ends on the same day, per diem is 75% of the appropriate M&IE rate (par. U4145). 'MALT-Plus' per diem is paid in whole day increments. See par. U5105.

C. Travel Time. When a member takes leave ICW a PCS, or there is TDY en route, per diem is authorized for allowable travel time.

D. New PDS Is a Ship. When the new PDS is a ship, the new PDS rate is the rate for the location at which the ship is boarded. If the ship is at sea, then the last place departed is the "new PDS rate." The following examples clarify:

1. A member travels PCS from NAS Corpus Christi, TX, to the USS NIMITZ (home port Bremerton, WA). Travel is by commercial plane in one day. The per diem rate for Bremerton, WA, is used for that travel day.
2. A member travels PCS from NAS Jacksonville, FL, to USS CARR, which is at sea. Travel is by commercial plane (day 1) to Naples, Italy arriving after midnight (day 2). The member then changes to Government plane to USS CARR arriving day 2. The per diem rate is based on the final destination location or the last place departed – in this case Naples, Italy. Since the member did not remain overnight, the rate for both day 1 and day 2 is the Naples rate.
3. A member travels PCS from USS ENTERPRISE to USS NORMANDY, each of which is away from home port. The member travels directly from one ship to the other by Government helicopter in one day. Since there is no POE and the helicopter does not land anywhere but the ships, no per diem is paid. This does not preclude per diem under par. U5120-F.

SECTION 3: MISCELLANEOUS TRAVEL FACTORS

U5207 TRANSOCEANIC TRAVEL

A. Transportation Mode

1. Air travel is the usual transportation mode for the dependent to, from, or between OCONUS areas.
2. Maximum use should be made of GOV'T air transportation.
3. A dependent is not required to use GOV'T air transportation. However, if the dependent agrees to do so, the dependent must not be required to use other than regularly scheduled transport type aircraft (e.g., Patriot Express/Category B AMC transportation) ordinarily used for passenger service.
4. When appropriate GOV'T air transportation is available, travel by aircraft is not medically inadvisable, but a dependent elects to travel at personal expense, reimbursement is IAW par. U5116-D1.

B. Air Travel Medically Inadvisable

1. When air travel is medically inadvisable for a family member, the family should not be separated unless the family agrees to be, or unless military necessity requires the member to travel separately.
2. When air travel is medically inadvisable, surface transportation provided must be the least costly commercial ship passenger accommodations. See par. U3130-D concerning stateroom standards and required use of U.S. registry ships.
3. The provisions in par. U5116-D1 for directing a member to use GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation do not apply when a medical condition prevents a family member's travel by aircraft.

C. Travel by Oceangoing Car Ferry. When travel is by oceangoing car ferry, allowances are in pars. U5116-C and U5210.

U5210 PER DIEM RATE FOR DEPENDENT TRAVEL

A. General. A member is authorized per diem for each dependent's actual travel ICW the member's PCS, or for other travel as hereinafter prescribed in this Part. Travel time for which per diem may be paid is determined under par. U5160 in the same manner as for a member. A member's travel time and the amount of per diem actually paid for the member's travel ICW the PCS are not used in computing the per diem for travel of any other dependent addressed in pars. U5210-B and U5210-C.

B. Dependent Accompanies Member. When a dependent travels with a member, the member is authorized per diem for each dependent while traveling, and at delay points, in an amount equal to the following percentage of the per diem to which the member is authorized:

1. Three-fourths for each dependent age 12 or older; and
2. One-half for each dependent under age 12.

NOTE: When more than one POC is used as provided for in par. U5015-A, and a dependent traveling in a POC travels along the same general route on the same days as the member, the dependent is accompanying the member. See par. U5210-C for a dependent 'not' accompanying the member. A member's TDY location is not a delay point for a dependent. No per diem is authorized for a dependent for time at a TDY location.

C. Dependent Travels Independently. A dependent is not ‘accompanying the member’ when the dependent travels separately from a member on different routes and/or at different times. The member is authorized per diem for this dependent as follows:

1. One Dependent Traveling Separately. The same per diem rate the member would have been authorized for travel.
2. Two or More Dependents Traveling Separately. When two or more dependents travel together separate from a member, the member is authorized per diem for one member-designated dependent, age 12 or older, in an amount equal to the per diem to which the member would have been authorized for personal travel. For each of the other dependents, age 12 or older, traveling with that dependent, the member is authorized per diem in an amount of three-fourths of the per diem to which the member would have been authorized for personal travel. For each dependent under age 12, the per diem is one half of the per diem to which the member would have been authorized.

D. Examples

See par. U2025 for the current Standard CONUS per diem rate.

***EXAMPLE 1: CONUS TO OCONUS PCS**

Member, spouse, and 4-year old child perform PCS travel.

Family spends \$150 for lodging (single room rate is \$120) on 3 Aug.

POE per diem rate is \$152 (\$110/ \$42).

New PDS M&IE is \$60.

Standard CONUS per diem = \$116.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Transportation Mode</u>	<u>Travel Distance/Cost</u>
1-3 Aug	Old PDS	POE	POC	600 miles
4 Aug	POE	POD	TP	
4 Aug	POD	New PDS	CA	Taxi - \$20.00

REIMBURSEMENT

1-2 Aug	\$261 (\$116 member + 87 spouse + 58 child)/day x 2 days=	\$ 522.00
3 Aug	\$110 + \$42 (member) =	\$152.00
	(\$152 x 75% spouse) + (\$152 x 50% child) =	\$190.00
4 Aug	\$60 x 75% = (member)	\$45.00
	\$60 x 75% x 75% spouse) + \$22.50 (\$60 x 75% x 50% child) =	\$56.25
MALT	600 miles x \$.24/mile =	\$144.00
Taxi		<u>\$20.00</u>
Total Reimbursement		\$1,129.25

*EXAMPLE 2: OCONUS TO CONUS PCS				
Member, spouse, 14 year-old child and 10 year old child perform PCS travel.				
Family spends \$220 for lodging (single room rate is \$100) on 15 Jul.				
POE per diem rate is \$188 (\$126/ \$62).				
New PDS M&IE is \$46.				
Standard CONUS per diem = \$116.				
Date	Depart	Arrived	Transportation Mode	Travel Distance/Cost
15 July	Old PDS	POE	POC	600 miles
16 July	POE	POD	TP	
16 July	POD	New PDS	CA	Taxi - \$25.00
REIMBURSEMENT				
15 July	\$62 x 75% = \$46.50 + \$100 (\$100 less than \$126) (member) =			\$146.50
	\$219.75 (\$146.50 x 75%/dependent x 2 dependents ≥ age 12) + \$73.25 (\$146.50 x 50%/dependent < age 12) =			\$293.00
16 July	\$46 x 75% = (member)			\$34.50
	\$51.75 (\$46 x 75% x 75%/dependent x 2 dependents ≥ age 12) + \$17.25 (\$46 x 75% x 50%/dependent < age 12) =			\$69.00
	MALT: 300 miles x \$.24/mile =			\$72.00
	Taxi			\$25.00
Total Reimbursement				\$640.00

NOTE: *MALT & 'Lodgings-Plus' per diem are paid for the same day.*

U5215 FACTORS AFFECTING DEPENDENT TRAVEL

A. Member Attains Eligibility for Dependent Travel. A member, ineligible for dependent travel and transportation allowances to a new PDS under par. U5201-B who later attains eligibility, is initially authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances upon a subsequent qualifying PCS, as set forth in par. U5215.

1. While on Duty at a Station to which Dependent Travel Is Authorized. When a member attains eligibility for dependent travel and transportation allowances while at a PDS to which dependent travel ordinarily is authorized, the member is authorized travel and transportation allowances for their travel on the member's next PCS. Travel authorization from the dependent's location on the PCS authorization/order receipt date, NTE the authorization for travel from the PDS at which the member attained eligibility to the new PDS or to another place authorized under this Part. A dependent temporarily absent from the old PDS at the time an authorization/order is received is subject to par. U5215-F. No travel to an OCONUS PDS may be authorized/approved under par. U5215-A1 unless the dependent is command-sponsored before travel begins and the member has at least 12 months remaining on the OCONUS tour at that station after the dependent is scheduled to arrive.

2. While on Duty in a Dependent-restricted Tour Area. If a member becomes eligible for dependent travel and transportation allowances while serving a dependent-restricted tour, the member is authorized travel and transportation allowances only upon PCS to a PDS to which dependent travel and transportation is authorized. Authorization is from the dependent's location on the PCS authorization/order receipt date to the new PDS or to another place authorized under this Part, NTE the authorization for travel from the place at which the dependent remained, or to which the dependent moved at personal expense, when the member was transferred to the dependent-restricted tour area.

B. Dependent Transported OCONUS at GOV'T Expense – Return at GOV'T Expense. A member is authorized travel and transportation allowances for a parent, stepparent, or person in loco parentis (See NOTE 2 below), who no longer qualifies as a dependent (APP A DEPENDENT definition) and/or an unmarried child (See NOTE 2 below) who attains age 21, or age 23 and loses student status while the member is serving OCONUS, who was transported at GOV'T expense to the member's OCONUS PDS. The travel and transportation allowances are from that OCONUS PDS to an appropriate location (as determined through the Secretarial Process) in the:

1. U.S. or a non-foreign OCONUS location, or,
2. The dependent's native country if the dependent is foreign-born.

NOTE 1: *Travel under par. U5215-B must be completed within 6 months after the date on which the member completes personal travel from the OCONUS PDS incident to a PCS.*

NOTE 2: *If a member entitled to basic pay dies while on OCONUS duty, a dependent described above is authorized travel and transportation allowances described in par. U5241-D1.*

C. Dependent Acquired on or before the PCS Authorization/Order Effective Date. A member who acquires a dependent, on or before the PCS authorization/order effective date, is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances from the place at which the dependent is acquired to the new PDS, NTE the travel and transportation allowances for travel from the old PDS to the new PDS. Appropriate command sponsorship is necessary for transportation to an OCONUS PDS. See par. U5222-G. For Service Academy graduates, see par. U5222-A2.

NOTE: *This does not authorize dependent transportation from an OCONUS PDS to CONUS if the dependent was not command sponsored at the OCONUS PDS. See pars. U5201-B3d and U5201-B3g. ([42 Comp. Gen. 344 \(1963\)](#) and [B-171969, 8 February 1972](#)).*

D. Effect of an Age Change or Dependency Status on Allowances. Except as provided in U5215-B, authorization for dependent travel and transportation allowances is based on the dependency status on the PCS AUTHORIZATION/ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE. See APP A. If dependency status no longer exists when travel begins, no authorization exists.

1. Age Changes. Authority for travel and transportation allowances is based on a dependent's age on the date travel begins, provided travel begins 60 or fewer days after the PCS AUTHORIZATION/ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE. When travel begins more than 60 days after the PCS authorization/order effective date, authority for travel and transportation allowances is based on a dependent's age on the 60th day. The following governs the per diem amount to which a member is authorized for dependent travel authorized in par. U5210. When dependent travel:

a. Begins on/before the PCS authorization/order effective date and ends after the PCS authorization/order effective date, per diem is based on the age on the PCS authorization/order effective date;

b. Ends before the PCS authorization/order effective date, per diem is based on the age on the date travel ends;

c. Begins 60 or fewer days after the PCS authorization/order effective date, per diem is based on the age on the date travel begins; or

d. Begins more than 60 days after the PCS authorization/order effective date, per diem is based on the age on the 60th day after the PCS authorization/order effective date.

2. Delayed Travel to an OCONUS Area. When a member is transferred to an OCONUS area under a PCS authorization/order and dependent travel is not authorized at that time, authorization for travel to a DESIGNATED PLACE (see par. U5222-C) is determined under par. U5215-D1. Upon subsequent authorization for dependent travel to the OCONUS PDS, authorization is based on the dependent's age at that time.

3. OCONUS Travel. Authorization for travel to, from, or between OCONUS stations, is determined separately for each leg of the journey. For travel from the old PDS to the aerial or water POE, authorization is determined under pars. U5215-D1 and U5215-D2. For travel between the aerial or water POE and the POD, authorization is determined on the dependent's age on the embarkation date. For travel from the aerial or water POD to destination, authorization is based on the dependent's age on the date travel begins from the POD provided there is no undue delay for personal reasons. A member is liable for costs associated with undue delay for personal reasons.

4. TDY Directed ICW PCS to a Station to which Dependent Travel Is Authorized. When a member is directed to perform TDY en route by a PCS authorization/order to a PDS to which the dependent is authorized to travel, and the dependent travel is delayed until TDY completion, authorization is based on the dependent's age on the date travel actually begins. ***NOTE: When travel begins more than 60 days after the TDY ends, authorization is based on the dependent's age on the 60th day after TDY completion.***

5. TDY Directed ICW PCS to a Dependent-restricted Tour. When a member is directed to perform TDY en route by a PCS authorization/order to a dependent-restricted tour and the dependent does not travel until the TDY ends, authorization is based on the dependent's age on the date travel actually begins. ***NOTE: When travel begins more than 60 days after the PCS authorization/order effective date, authorization is based on the dependent's age on the 60th day after authorization/order effective date.***

E. Authorization/Order Amended, Modified, Canceled or Revoked after Travel Begins. When a PCS authorization/order is:

1. Amended or modified after the date the dependent begins travel (circuitously or otherwise) and a new PDS is designated, or
2. Canceled or revoked,

the dependent's travel and transportation allowances are authorized. Allowances are payable for the distance from the place from which the dependent began travel to the place at which notification was received that the authorization/order was amended, modified, canceled or revoked, and from that location to the new PDS or return to the old PDS, NTE the travel and transportation allowances for the distance from the old PDS to the first-named station and then to the last-named station or return to the old PDS.

F. Dependent Temporarily Absent from the Old PDS, DESIGNATED PLACE or Safe Haven when a PCS Authorization/ Order Is Received. When a dependent is temporarily absent from the old PDS, DESIGNATED PLACE or safe haven when the member receives a PCS authorization/order, the member is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances from the old PDS, DESIGNATED PLACE or safe haven to the new PDS, provided the dependent returns to the old PDS, DESIGNATED PLACE or safe haven and travel from there to the new PDS ([B-195643, 24 April 1980](#)).

G. Change of Station while on Leave or TDY. When a member receives a PCS authorization/order while on leave or on TDY, the member is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances for dependent travel NTE the authorization for travel from the old to the new PDS.

H. Dependent En Route to the New PDS at the Time of the Member's Death. When a member dies after a dependent begins travel under PCS authorization/order authority, the dependent is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances for travel from the place travel began to the place at which notified of the member's death, NTE the travel and transportation allowances for the distance from the old PDS to the ordered new PDS. For additional allowances, see par. U5241.

I. Spouse Separates/Retires from the Service after the Member's PCS Authorization/Order Effective Date. A member:

1. Who performs PCS travel, and
2. Whose spouse on the PCS authorization/order effective date is a member, but separates/retires from the Service thereafter,

is authorized dependent PCS travel and transportation allowances for that spouse NTE the cost for travel from the separated/retired spouse's last PDS to the member's PDS on that PCS authorization/order.

J. Legal Custody of Children Changes after the PCS Authorization/Order Effective Date. A member who is denied dependent travel and transportation allowances for a child by par. U5201-B2f, is authorized thereto if the member is granted legal custody/legal joint custody, or otherwise lawfully acquires such custody after the member's PCS authorization/order effective date. Examples of lawfully acquired custody include custody acquired as the result of the death of the non-member custodial parent or a child's election to join a member following lapse of a court order at age 18.

U5218 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION INVOLVING OLD AND/OR NEW NON-PDS LOCATION

NOTE: Par. U5218 does not apply to travel to and/or from a **DESIGNATED PLACE (APP A)**. For this Part, the place at which the dependent resides and from which the member commutes daily to the PDS are treated as being the PDS.

A member in receipt of a PCS authorization/order is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances from the old non-PDS location and/or to the new non-PDS location, NTE the authorization from the old to the new PDS. For HHG transportation see pars. U5310-A1 and U5340-A1b. When transoceanic travel is involved, see pars. U5207 and U5210.

U5220 DEPENDENT JOINS OR ACCOMPANIES THE MEMBER DURING TDY EN ROUTE

A. General. When a dependent accompanies or joins a member performing TDY en route between two PDSs, authorization for dependent travel and transportation allowances is based on the travel actually performed using MALT and per diem rates prescribed in pars. U5220-B and U5220-C, limited to the greater of:

1. MALT for the official distance between authorized points at the rate prescribed in par. U2605 as if the dependent had traveled separately, plus a per diem at the rate prescribed in par. U5210 for the constructed travel time between the authorized points; or
2. What it would have cost if GOV'T-procured transportation had been used for travel between authorized points, plus a per diem as prescribed in Ch 4, Part B for the time required for travel between authorized points.

If GOV'T-procured transportation is used, the GOV'T-procured transportation cost is subtracted from the allowances.

B. MALT Rate

1. Dependent Travels Together with the Member in the Same POC. The MALT rate in par. U2605 applies for the official distance from the old PDS to the TDY location and then to the new PDS. There is no additional MALT for the dependent travel.
2. Dependent Travels in a Separate POC. The MALT rate in par. U2605 applies for the member's travel from the old PDS to the TDY location and then to the new PDS. The member is also paid the MALT rate for the dependent direct travel from the old PDS to the new PDS.

C. Per Diem. The per diem rate is one of the following:

1. Traveling Separately. Par. U5210-C applies when the dependent travels separately from the member for the allowable travel time for that leg of the journey.
2. Traveling Together. Par. U5210-B applies when the dependent travels with the member for the allowable travel time for that leg of the journey.

SECTION 3: NET WEIGHT AND EXCESS CHARGES**U5335 THE NET WEIGHT DETERMINATION**

A. General. The weight allowances are the actual weights of unpacked and uncrated HHG. They do not include accompanied baggage transported free of charge or as excess accompanied baggage. When practical, the unpacked and uncrated HHG actual weight should be established before packing and used in determining if the weight allowance has been exceeded. When the unpacked and uncrated HHG actual weight is unknown, the weight is determined IAW par. U5335-B through D.

B. GOV'T-arranged Move and Transportation at Personal Expense. When the unpacked and uncrated HHG actual weight is unknown and the transportation, either in CONUS or between CONUS and OCONUS, is GOV'T-arranged or at personal expense, allowance is made for interior packing materials weight. The HHG weight is determined by subtracting 10% from the shipment net weight (which includes the interior packing weight) as shown on the shipping documents.

C. DPM Transportation

1. Standard Overseas Shipping Boxes. When HHG are transported by DPM in standard overseas shipping boxes (for example, type II containers or GOV'T owned CONEX transporters) and only the gross and shipping boxes weights are known, weight is determined by subtracting 20% from the difference between the loaded container gross weight and the empty container stenciled weight. When only the shipment gross weight is shown on the shipping document, determine the weight by reducing the gross weight by 50%.

2. Crated Transportation Method. When the actual weight of unpacked and uncrated HHG is unknown and transportation is in crated condition by DPM, the weight is determined by subtracting 50% from the weight upon which transportation charges are based.

D. UB. When the GOV'T arranges transportation, and the net weight of UB is unknown, the weight is determined by subtracting 50% from the gross weight shown on the shipping documents. When the UB shipment includes PBP&E and/or required medical equipment, the PBP&E weight and/or required medical equipment weight must be shown separately on the bill of lading.

E. When Shipment Weight Is Unobtainable. If the HHG or UB shipment weight is unobtainable by the methods in par. U5335-B through D, the weight is 7 pounds per cubic foot for all shipments, except for PBP&E. PBP&E weight is 40 pounds per cubic foot.

F. Exceptions. When, through no fault of the member, the shipment tare weight exceeds the allowances prescribed in pars. U5335-B and U5335-C, the appropriate official may deviate from these allowances.

U5340 EXCESS CHARGES

NOTE: The GOV'T may opt to pay the total transportation cost and other charges applicable to any excess weight that exceeds a member's HHG weight allowance and collect reimbursement from the member. Collection from the member for excess charges is IAW finance regulations.

*A. General. When HHG are weighed twice, the lesser weight is used to determine the member's financial liability. For example, if the origin HHG weight is less than the destination HHG re-weigh, use the origin HHG weight or if the incoming/outgoing SIT/NTS of HHG weights are different, use the lesser weight to determine the member's share of the cost. Adapted from CBCA 1500-RELO, 6 July 2009 and CBCA 1534-RELO, 10 July 2009.

1. Transportation. The member is financially responsible for all transportation costs because of:

- a. Exceeding the authorized weight allowance;
- b. Transportation between other than authorized locations;

- c. Transportation of articles that are not HHG (APP A HOUSEHOLD GOODS definition);
- d. Transportation in more than one lot (other than a UB shipment authorized under par. U5320-B to be transported separately from the HHG shipment, and expedited transportation of items of extraordinary value when authorized under par. U5330-E);
- e. Member-requested special services, i.e., increased valuation liability cost; and
- f. Transportation related costs that are GOV'T-incurred due to the member/member's agent's negligence, i.e., attempted pickup and/or delivery charges. *See DoD 4500.9-R (DTR, Part IV), Chapter 401;*
http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtr_part_iv.cfm.

2. NTS. The GOV'T's maximum obligation for NTS is the storage cost of the difference between the member's weight allowance prescribed in par. U5310-B and the HHG weight transported incident to the same PCS authorization/order. If the weight of the HHG in NTS plus the weight of the HHG transported on the same authorization/order exceeds the member's prescribed weight allowance, the GOV'T may pay the costs associated with the excess weight storage if requested to do so by the member. Excess weight storage costs are the member's financial responsibility. See par. U1010-B9.

B. HHG Transportation in Excess of Authorized Weight Allowance

1. Only One Shipment Made on a PCS Authorization/Order. When the member makes only one shipment (that is, nothing is placed in NTS) the total transportation cost, less the unauthorized articles transportation cost as determined in par. U5340-D, must be prorated on the basis that the member bears the portion that the excess net weight bears to the total net weight transported. For example, if a member with a weight allowance of 8,000 pounds transports 8,500 pounds of authorized articles, compute the excess based on 500/8,500 of all HHG transportation costs.

2. Multiple Shipments Made on a PCS Authorization/Order

a. Member Not Administratively Weight-restricted. When there is no administrative weight restriction and there are multiple shipments with excess weight involved, the excess weight cost must be computed on the shipment which results in the least excess cost to the member.

b. Member Assigned to/from Administratively Weight-restricted Area

(1) Weight in Excess of Administrative Weight Allowance Transported to/from OCONUS. When there is an administrative weight restriction, multiple shipments to/from that area, and weight in excess of the administrative weight allowance is transported to/from the OCONUS area, the cost attributable to the excess weight must be computed on the shipment to/from that area which results in the least cost to the member. Excess costs are computed on the overseas and transoceanic portions of the transportation.

(2) Weight within Administrative Weight Allowance but Exceeds Full Weight Allowance. When there is an administrative weight restriction, multiple shipments and HHG are within the administrative weight allowance to/from the OCONUS area but in excess of the weight allowance (when all shipments are added together), the cost attributable to the excess weight is computed on the shipment which results in the least excess cost to the member.

C. HHG Transportation other than between Authorized Locations

1. General. A member may have HHG transported between any locations. However, the GOV'T's expense, other than from a previous PDS or other authorized point to the new PDS, other authorized location or home of legal heir, is limited to that allowed on a like weight of HHG within the weight allowance transported in one lot from the last PDS, or from the actual location of the HHG, to the new PDS or home of the legal heir, whichever results in a lesser cost to the GOV'T. This also applies to a member on an authorization/order from an administratively weight restricted area.

2. HHG Moved from DESIGNATED PLACE at Personal Expense. When HHG are transported to a DESIGNATED PLACE at GOV'T expense and later moved at personal expense to another location, excess HHG transportation costs on the next PCS are based on the transportation cost of the same weight from the DESIGNATED PLACE to the new PDS. For example, incident to a member's PCS from Washington, DC, to unusually arduous sea duty in Norfolk, VA, the member's HHG are transported to a DESIGNATED PLACE in Detroit, MI. The HHG are later moved at personal expense to Fargo, ND. The member is subsequently ordered on PCS to Key West, FL. The HHG transportation costs to Key West, FL, from Fargo, ND, are compared to the transportation costs of the same weight of HHG from Detroit, MI.

D. Transportation of Unauthorized Articles. Non-HHG articles (APP A HOUSEHOLD GOODS definition) must be transported apart from authorized HHG. The member should arrange for separate transportation. When non-HHG articles are disclosed, the member is financially responsible for all identifiable transportation costs for the articles. If the transportation cost of the articles cannot be established, the weight of the non-HHG articles is excess weight and the transportation cost is computed under par. U5340-B.

E. HHG Transportation with Special Routing or Services Provided. When special routing or services have been furnished at the member's request, the member is financially responsible for the transportation cost above the cost of transporting the HHG without the special routing or services. Subject to pars. U5340-A through U5340-D and upon the member's or heirs' (of a deceased member) written request and an agreement to pay any additional cost, the member or heirs may:

1. Turn over the HHG to a transportation officer for transportation at different times to the same destination;
2. Have special services used, such as additional valuation, specific routing, special loading, and other special or accessorial services which may involve additional expenses;
3. Have transportation between any points, limited to the cost in par. U5340-C. However, it must not be applied to HHG if the member is not authorized a HOS move;
4. Have HHG transportation of one final HHG shipment of articles legally awarded to a former-spouse incident to a divorce when a member has a transportation authorization under a PCS authorization/order, including separation and retirement ([61 Comp. Gen. 180 \(1981\)](#)).

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SECTION 1: POV TRANSPORTATION

U5400 GENERAL

A. This Section prescribes POV transportation and associated allowances, including those for travel to and from designated POV loading/unloading ports/VPCs.

B. *These allowances are discretionary.*

C. POV transportation is authorized unless restricted by the AO or Service PCS-authorization/order regulations.

D. See the SDDC website at: <http://www.sddc.army.mil/>, and "Shipping your POV" at: <http://www.sddc.army.mil/sddc/Content/Pub/8808/dbcn8808.pdf> for other requirements related to transporting a POV.

U5405 ELIGIBILITY

A. Initial Authorization. A POV (APP A) may be authorized by a PCS authorization/order to be transported for the member's or dependents' personal use when:

1. Ordered to make a PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs;
2. A change in a ship's home port is authorized; or
3. Any of the conditions in par. U5415, or the conditions in par. U5417, are met dealing with CONUS to CONUS transportation of a POV.

NOTE: An authorization/order authorizing a PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs may authorize POV shipment even though the POV can be driven between the PDSs involved (e.g., a member PCSing from Germany to Italy may be authorized shipment of a POV).

B. Related Shipment/Transportation. Once the POV transportation has been authorized, the related POV shipment/transportation to/from appropriate port/VPC is authorized.

U5410 TRANSPORTATION

A. Transportation Permitted

1. From Old to New PDS. When POV transportation is authorized, one POV NTE 20 measurement tons may be transported from the POV port/VPC serving the old PDS or a POV port/VPC serving the passenger POD or any POV port/VPC in between the old and new PDS to the:
 - a. POV unloading port/VPC serving the new PDS;
 - b. POV unloading port/VPC serving another authorized place (see pars. U5410-B, U5455-A and U5455-B);
 - c. New PDS if authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process for those locations requiring approval; or
 - d. POV port/VPC serving the passenger POD or any POV port/VPC in between the old and new PDS.
2. To First PDS. For POV transportation to the first PDS, or to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the first PDS, the "old PDS" is the HOR or PLEAD of the member.
3. Upon Separation/Retirement. For POV transportation upon separation or retirement, the "new PDS" is the member's HOR/PLEAD, or authorized HOS under par. U5130-A1.

4. For Member-Married-to-Member Couples. For combining POV shipping weight limits when husband and wife are members, see par. U5420-D.
5. Restrictions. POV transportation must be denied when restricted, suspended, or prohibited (see par. U5420-B).

B. POV Transportation when Transportation to the New PDS Not Permitted

NOTE: For storage when POV transportation is not authorized to a foreign OCONUS PDS, see Ch 5, Part E2.

1. General. A member:
 - a. Who is not permitted transportation of a POV when ordered on a PCS to an OCONUS PDS because
 1. POV transportation is not permitted to the new PDS;
 2. The member serves a dependent restricted or unaccompanied tour and elects not to have a POV transported to the new PDS; or
 3. The member elects not to have a POV transported to the new PDS when concurrent travel of dependents has been denied and dependents have moved to a DESIGNATED PLACE (see par. U5222-C3a);
 - b. Is permitted transportation of one POV, intended for the member's or dependents' use, from the designated POV loading port/VPC ordinarily serving the old PDS to the designated POV unloading port/VPC ordinarily serving:
 1. Any place in CONUS the member designates, if the old PDS is OCONUS;
 2. Alaska, Hawai'i, Puerto Rico, or any U.S. territory or possession, to which dependent transportation is authorized under Part C; or
 3. Any OCONUS location to which dependent transportation is authorized under par. U5222-D1c; or
 4. ***POV transportation to locations justified under par. U5222-D1d must be authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process.***
2. Subsequent Transportation. A member:
 - a. Serving a dependent restricted or unaccompanied tour at a PDS may, upon receipt of command-sponsorship of dependents at the PDS, be authorized transportation of a POV from the POV loading port/VPC serving the DESIGNATED PLACE to which dependents were previously moved to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the member's PDS.
 - b. Ordered on a PCS to a PDS to which POV transportation is permitted, or to which dependent transportation is authorized, may be authorized transportation of a POV from the POV loading port/VPC serving the place to which a POV was shipped under par. U5410-B1, to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the place to which the member is authorized to travel under a PCS authorization/order. ***NOTE: There is no authority for CONUS to CONUS POV transportation except as specifically authorized in par. U5415 or U5417, or ICW authorized POV storage in Ch 5, Part E2.***

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C. Replacement POV Transportation. When a POV, transported to an OCONUS area at GOV'T expense, is no longer adequate for transportation needs, the Secretarial Process may permit transportation of a replacement POV. Such replacement may be permitted only if the:

1. POV being replaced has deteriorated due to severe climatic conditions or was lost through fire, theft, or similar cases; or
2. Member is serving consecutive OCONUS tours of duty and the POV being replaced has worn out due to age and normal deterioration ([B-212338, 27 December 1983](#)). A member may transport only one replacement POV during any 4-year period when the POV being transported replaces one that is worn out due to age and normal determination.

D. Reimbursement of Rental Vehicle Cost when a POV Arrives Late. *This applies to PCS transportation.* If the POV of a member or member's dependents, transported at GOV'T expense for the member's and/or dependent's use, does not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date, the Secretary Concerned must have the member reimbursed for expenses incurred to rent a motor vehicle for the member's and/or those dependents' use. Reimbursement, by law, may not exceed \$30 per day beginning the day a member first rents a motor vehicle after the designated required delivery date and runs for 7 days or until the date the member's POV is available for delivery to the member, whichever occurs first. ***NOTE: A POV has not arrived at the authorized destination if it is not made available for delivery to the member on or before the required deliver date. The maximum reimbursement is \$210.***

EXAMPLES	
Required Delivery Date:	26 June
Member arrives at destination:	3 June
Member rents a vehicle:	3 June
Member receives notice POV arrived & ready for P/U:	22 June
Maximum Reimbursement Amount Authorized:	\$00.00
Required Delivery Date:	14 June
Member arrives at destination:	3 June
Member rents a vehicle:	15 June – 25 June
Member receives notice POV arrived & ready for P/U:	22 June
Maximum Reimbursement Amount Authorized:	\$210.00
(15-21 June – 7 days @ \$30/day = \$210.00)	
Required Delivery Date:	2 June
Member arrives at destination:	21 May
Member rents a vehicle on:	5 June - 6 June
	11 June - 14 June
	28 June
Member is notified vehicle is ready for P/U:	29 June
Member Reimbursement Amount Authorized:	\$210.00
(7 days vehicle rental @ \$30/day = \$210.00)	
Required Delivery Date:	30 January
Member arrives at destination:	1 January
Member rents a car:	2 January
Member is notified vehicle is ready for P/U:	1 February
Maximum Reimbursement Amount Authorized:	\$60.00
(30-31 Jan – 2 Days @ \$30/day = \$60.00)	
(Authorization does not start until after the RDD.)	

U5413 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR POV DELIVERY AND/OR PICK-UP

A. General. An eligible member, authorized POV transportation ICW a PCS, is authorized reimbursement for the POV delivery to a designated POV loading port/VPC and pick-up from a designated POV unloading port/VPC. The Service concerned designates the ports, using par. U5435. No authorization exists under par. U5413-A when POV transportation to the new PDS is not permitted. See par. U5410-B. For POV transportation to the first PDS, or to the port/VPC serving the first PDS, the "old PDS" is the HOR or PLEAD of the member. For POV transportation upon separation or retirement, the "new PDS" is the HOR or PLEAD, or the member's authorized HOS under par. U5130-A1. If dependents do not travel to/from the new/old PDS when delivering/picking-up a POV, see pars. U5201-A, U5215, U5218 and U5222 for authorized PCS allowances.

B. POV Delivery/Pick-up Separate from PCS Travel. When POV delivery/pick-up is separate from PCS travel, an eligible member is authorized round-trip transportation payment at the automobile mileage rate (see par. U2600) from the:

1. Old PDS to the designated POV loading port/VPC; and
2. Designated POV unloading port/VPC to the new PDS.

Travel time computed under par. U5160 is allowed for the round trips to deliver and pick-up a POV under par. U5413-B.

C. Concurrent POV Delivery Accomplished with Member's PCS Travel and No TDY En Route Involved

1. Delivery - Travel to Passenger Port via POV Loading Port/VPC. An eligible member and/or dependent(s) who travels via the POV loading port/VPC is authorized:

- a. PCS allowances for direct travel from the old PDS to the designated POV loading port/VPC; and
- b. Reimbursement for transportation (see pars. U3320, U3410, U3420 and U5105-C) from the POV loading port/VPC to the passenger port.

2. Delivery - Travel to POV Loading Port/VPC via Passenger Port. An eligible member, who travels from the old PDS to the passenger port to drop off dependents, then to the designated POV loading port/VPC, and then returns to the passenger port, is paid PCS allowances from the:

- a. Old PDS to the passenger port for self and dependents; and
- b. Passenger port to the designated POV loading port/VPC for self.

Reimbursement for travel back to the passenger port is not authorized.

D. POV Pick-up Accomplished as Part of Member's PCS Travel and No TDY En Route Involved. An eligible member and/or dependent(s) who travels via the vehicle port/VPC is authorized PCS allowances for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated POV unloading port/VPC and then to the new PDS.

E. POV Delivery or Pick-up from a Designated POV Port/VPC Accomplished as part of TDY En Route

1. POV Delivery to POV Port/VPC ICW TDY En Route. An eligible member, who delivers a POV to a designated POV port/VPC ICW PCS travel with TDY en route, is authorized:

- a. MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B for the official distance from the old PDS to the TDY station(s) en route plus a per diem (see par. U5105-B2);
- b. MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B for the official distance from the TDY station to the designated POV port/VPC plus per diem (see par. U5105-B2); and

- c. PCS allowances for direct travel from the designated POV port/VPC to the passenger port.

NOTE: When a dependent accompanies the member and/or delivers the POV to the designated POV port/VPC, the travel and transportation allowances for the dependent are computed using par. U5220. If a dependent delivers the POV to the designated POV port/VPC without traveling to the TDY en route location, see par. U5413-C for dependent travel and transportation allowances.

2. POV Pick-up from POV Port/VPC ICW TDY En Route. An eligible member, who picks up a POV from a designated POV port/VPC ICW PCS travel to an en route TDY station, is authorized:

- a. PCS allowances for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated POV port/VPC;
- b. MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B for the official distance from the designated POV port/VPC to the TDY station; plus a per diem for the member at the rates prescribed in par. U5105-B2; and
- c. MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B for the official distance from the TDY station en route to the new PDS plus a per diem for the member at the rates prescribed in par. U5105-B2.

NOTE: When a dependent accompanies the member and/or picks up a POV from the designated POV port/VPC, the travel and transportation allowances for the dependent is computed using par. U5220. If a dependent picks up the POV from the designated POV port/VPC without traveling to the TDY en route location, see par. U5413-D for dependent travel and transportation allowances.

U5414 POV TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM AN OCONUS PDS

A. Transportation of a POV from Old to New PDS Incident to a Unit Move Involving an OCONUS PDS. An eligible member of a unit ordered on PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs, may be provided transportation of a POV from the unit's old PDS to the designated POV VPC/loading port, and from the designated POV VPC/unloading port to the new PDS.

B. Transportation of a POV between OCONUS Port/VPC and OCONUS PDS. An eligible member ordered on a PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs, may be provided transportation of a POV between the OCONUS PDS and the OCONUS port/VPC when the Secretarial Process authorizes/approves such transportation based on a determination that:

1. A travel hazard exists between the port/VPC and PDS;
2. The member is physically unable to drive between the port/VPC and PDS; or
3. The conditions of the member's authorization/order or assignment are such that it is prudent for overland transportation to be provided.

Example 1: The member is assigned to a sensitive position at a new OCONUS PDS. The POV is at the unloading port/VPC. It is determined prudent to have the POV transported to the PDS.

Example 2: The member is assigned to an OCONUS country. That country's GOV'T requires the member to remain inside the country. The member cannot travel to the unloading port/VPC in another country to pick up the POV. Transportation to the PDS is authorized.

U5415 POV TRANSPORTATION WITHIN CONUS INCIDENT TO A PCS WHEN THE MEMBER IS UNABLE TO DRIVE THE VEHICLE

An eligible member ordered on a PCS between CONUS PDSs may be authorized/approved transportation of one POV from the old CONUS PDS to new CONUS PDS when:

1. The member is physically unable to drive, or

2. There is insufficient time (see par. U5160) for the member to drive and report to the new PDS as ordered.

NOTE: *A dependent's inability to drive does not satisfy this criterion.*

U5417 TRANSPORTATION OF A POV WITHIN CONUS INCIDENT TO A PCS

A. General

1. An eligible member, who has dependents who are also relocating incident to the PCS, ordered on a PCS between CONUS PDSs, may have POV transportation authorized for one POV from the old CONUS PDS to the new CONUS PDS provided that the:

- a. Member and/or eligible dependent(s) possess more than one POV to be relocated to the new PDS;
- b. Member and dependents then travel at one time in one POC;
- c. GOV'T's transportation cost for the POV to be shipped does not exceed the remainder of the 'MALT-Plus' for driving two POCs to the new PDS. See example in par. U5417-D; **and**
- d. Member is financially responsible for all excess costs/additional expenses associated with POV transportation. **NOTE:** *If the POV transportation cost exceeds the reimbursement limitation (see par. U5417-D) the member is financially responsible for the cost difference to enable the POV to be transported.*

2. MALT and cost reimbursement are separately authorized for driving the second vehicle.

B. Member Possesses More than Two Vehicles. Reimbursement for driving a third (or subsequent) vehicle (when already driving a vehicle and transporting a vehicle):

1. Requires authorization/approval, if determined to be appropriate, to drive the third (or subsequent) vehicle, and
2. Must go through the Secretarial Process IAW JFTR, par. U5015-B.

C. Restrictions

1. A member must not be authorized POV transportation at GOV'T expense if the member has:
 - a. No dependents,
 - b. No dependents *eligible* for transportation at GOV'T expense, or
 - c. No dependents being relocated incident to the PCS.
2. A member who is authorized POV transportation is not authorized commercial travel at GOV'T expense for the member and/or dependents ICW the PCS.
3. The member must personally procure all POV transportation. ***GOV'T-procured transportation is not authorized.***
4. ***Payment of TDY mileage or MALT is not authorized to drop off/pick up the POV ICW transportation.***
5. POV storage at GOV'T expense is ***not authorized*** in lieu of POV transportation in par. U5417.

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D. Cost Reimbursement Example. The example below is based on a member, spouse, and two dependents (both age 12 or older) traveling across CONUS west coast to east coast. The cost to transport a POV (for illustration purposes only) = \$1,500.

NOTE: Of the various computation possibilities, the Services chose the following comparisons to use.

1. Step 1. Construct the cost for the member, spouse, and 2 children to perform concurrent travel in one POC.

*Step 1				
Member, Spouse, and 2 Children, Perform Concurrent Travel in One POC				
	Per Diem		MALT	Total
Member	\$116/day x 8 days (\$928)	+	2,666 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.84) =	\$1,567.84
Spouse	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) = (75% of the member's per diem)			\$ 696.00
1st Child	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) = (75% of the member's per diem)			\$ 696.00
2nd Child	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) = (75% of the member's per diem)			\$ 696.00
Total				\$3,655.84

2. Step 2. Construct the cost for the member, spouse, and 2 children to perform non-concurrent (not traveling on the same route at the same time) travel in two POCs.

*Step 2				
Member, and Spouse with 2 Children, Perform Non-Concurrent Travel in Two POCs				
	Per Diem		MALT	Total
Member	\$116/day x 8 days = \$928	+	2,666 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.84) =	\$1,567.84
Spouse	\$11609/day x 8 days = \$928	+	2,666 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.84) =	\$1,567.84
1st Child	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) =			\$ 696.00
2nd Child	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) =			\$ 696.00
Total				\$4,527.68

3. Step 3. Determine the funds available to the member to transport one POC while the entire family travels as a unit in the other POC.

*Step 3		
Reimbursement Limitation to Drive One POC and Transport One POV		
Based on the above steps the funds available to the member for transporting one POV are limited to the cost of the member and spouse with 2 children performing non-concurrent travel in 2 POCs (\$4,527.68) <i>minus</i> the cost of the member, spouse and 2 children, performing concurrent travel in 1 POC (\$3,655.84). MALT and cost reimbursement for driving the second vehicle are separately authorized per par. U5417-A2.		
1. Cost to transport POV =	<i>(The \$1,500 amount shown is for illustration purposes only.)</i>	\$1,500.00
2. Reimbursement limitation is \$4,527.68 (Step 2) - \$3,655.84 (Step 1) =		\$871.84
3. Total out-of-pocket expense for the member to 'drive one & ship one' is \$1,500 - \$871.84 =		\$628.16

E. Cost Reimbursement Example. The example below is based on a member-married-to-member couple, and two other dependents (both age 12 or older) traveling across CONUS west coast to east coast. The cost to transport a POV (for illustration purposes only) = \$1,500.

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1. Step 1. Construct the cost for the 2 members and 2 children to perform concurrent travel in one POC.

*Step 1 Member, Member, and 2 Children, Perform Concurrent Travel in One POC (See pars. U5100-B1 and U5100-B2.)				
	Per Diem		MALT	Total
Member 1	\$116/day x 8 days (\$928)	+	2,666 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.84) =	\$1,567.84
Member 2	\$116/day x 8 days (\$928)			\$ 928.00
1st Child 75% of Mbr 1 Per Diem	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) =			\$ 696.00
2nd Child 75% of Mbr 2 Per Diem	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) =			\$ 696.00
Total				\$3,887.84

2. Step 2. Construct the cost for the 2 members and 2 children to perform non-concurrent (*not* traveling on the same route at the same time) travel in two POCs.

*Step 2 Member, and Spouse with 2 Children, Perform Non-Concurrent Travel in Two POCs				
	Per Diem		MALT	Total
Member 1	\$116/day x 8 days = \$928	+	2,666 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.84) =	\$1,567.84
Member 2	\$116/day x 8 days = \$928	+	2,666 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.84) =	\$1,567.84
1st Child 75% of Mbr 1 Per Diem	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) =			\$ 696.00
2nd Child 75% of Mbr 2 Per Diem	\$87/day x 8 days (\$696) =			\$ 696.00
Total				\$4,527.68

3. Step 3. Determine the funds available to the member to transport one POC while the entire family travels as a unit in the other POC.

*Step 3 Reimbursement Limitation to Drive One POC and Transport One POC	
Based on the above steps the funds available for transporting one POV are limited to the cost of 1 member traveling with 1 child and 1 member traveling with 1 child performing non-concurrent travel in 2 POCs (\$4,527.68) <i>minus</i> the cost of both members and 2 children, performing concurrent travel in 1 POC (\$3,887.84). MALT and cost reimbursement for driving the second vehicle are separately authorized per par. U5417-A2.	
1. Cost to transport POV = <i>(The \$1,500 amount shown is for illustration purposes only.)</i>	\$1,500.00
2. Reimbursement limitation is \$4,527.68 (Step 2) - \$3,887.84 (Step 1) =	\$639.84
3. Total out-of-pocket expense for the member to 'drive one & ship one' is \$1,500-\$639.84=	\$860.16

U5420 TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS**A. POV Purchased in a Non-foreign OCONUS Area**

1. A POV purchased in a non-foreign OCONUS area by a member not permanently assigned there at the time of the purchase, may not be transported at GOV'T expense during the first PCS following purchase of the POV, except if the POV is used by the member/dependent for transportation at the member's OCONUS PDS.
2. Par. U5420-A1 does not apply to alternate port transportation authorized by the Secretary Concerned.

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B. Restriction, Prohibition, or Suspension to a Member's OCONUS PDS. Transportation of POVs to an OCONUS area may be restricted, prohibited or suspended when:

1. Determined to be necessary by the Service concerned;
2. Determined to be necessary for reasons of national interest by the Secretary Concerned or higher authority; or
3. Directed by that country's government.

C. Vehicle Size

1. A member who desires to transport a POV that exceeds 20 measurement tons must sign an agreement to pay the excess transportation costs (see par. U1010-B9) unless the Secretarial Process has authorized/approved this transportation because an oversized POV is required by the member/dependent(s) for medical reasons.
2. Excess cost collection is IAW Service regulations.
3. Pars. U5420-C1 and U5420-C2 do not apply to travel aboard car ferries.

D. Combining POV Weight Limitations when Husband and Wife Are Members

1. The 20 measurement tons limitation contained in par. U5420-C may be combined to transport one larger POV at GOV'T expense in lieu of transporting two POVs for an eligible member-married-to-member couple during the transfer of both members, each under a PCS authorization/order.
2. Payment for transporting the vehicle may not exceed the total cost the GOV'T would have incurred if each member had transported a vehicle of 20 measurement tons through the designated POV loading port/VPC.

U5425 TRANSPORTATION METHODS

NOTE: ICW transportation of a POV within CONUS, when advantageous and cost-effective to the GOV'T, the member is responsible for making all arrangements. See par. U5417.

A. GOV'T/Commercial Transportation. Transportation of a POV may be by GOV'T/commercial means as authorized by law. A member traveling with the vehicle via ferry is covered in par. U5116-C3.

NOTE: Transportation of a POV by air is not authorized at GOV'T expense ([54 Comp. Gen. 756 \(1975\)](#)).

B. Personally Procured Transportation. An eligible member, who has not transported a POV at GOV'T expense incident to a PCS, is authorized reimbursement for the expense incurred only if personally procured POV transportation was based on erroneous advice of a GOV'T representative (e.g., the TMO or ITO). Reimbursement must not exceed the cost that would have incurred if the GOV'T had arranged the transportation ([51 Comp. Gen. 838 \(1972\)](#)). The cost of a vehicle transported on a car ferry with the member/dependent(s) is a reimbursable transportation expense (see par. U5116-C3) and does not constitute transportation of a POV. Additional authority exists for reimbursement under other very limited circumstances. See par. U5455-E.

U5435 PORTS/VPCS USED

A. Designation of Ports. The Service concerned designates ports/VPCs to be used for loading and unloading POVs transported under this Part.

B. Alternate Ports/VPCs

1. Transportation may be between ports/VPCs other than the designated ports/VPCs (i.e., between alternate ports/VPCs), provided the member reimburses the GOV'T for any excess cost involved.

2. An alternate port/VPC should be in the same country as the designated port/VPC, unless an alternate port/VPC in a different country is authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process.
3. Secretarial Process authorization/approval is not required to select an alternate CONUS port/VPC from which to transport a POV, even if the primary port/VPC is OCONUS.

C. Transshipment from a Designated Port/VPC. A POV transported from an OCONUS port/VPC to the designated CONUS port/VPC, may be transshipped to another CONUS port/VPC if:

1. The PCS authorization/order is amended or modified before the member takes delivery of the POV at the designated POV unloading port/VPC;
2. Transshipment is authorized by the Secretarial Process;
3. The member agrees to reimburse the GOV'T for the transshipment cost; or
4. Direct ocean service is not available from the designated POV loading port/VPC to the designated POV unloading port/VPC in a reasonable amount of time after delivery of the POV.

U5440 FACTORS AFFECTING POV TRANSPORTATION

A. POV Transportation May Be Deferred. An eligible member electing not to transport a POV at GOV'T expense may, upon assignment to a new PDS to which a transportation authorization exists, transport the POV from the POV loading port/VPC, whichever provides the greater authorization, serving the:

1. PDS from which the member elected not to use the POV transportation authorization, to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the new PDS; or
2. Present PDS to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the new PDS.

NOTE: The member is not authorized CONUS to CONUS POV transportation except as specifically authorized in par. U5415, (if applicable see par. U5410-A), par. U5417, or ICW authorized POV storage in Ch 5, Part E2.

B. Error. A POV, transported by the GOV'T to a wrong destination, must be reshipped or transshipped to the proper destination at GOV'T expense.

C. Authorization/Order Amended, Modified, Canceled or Revoked. A POV transported after receipt of a PCS authorization/order may be reshipped or transshipped to the proper destination, including the old PDS, at GOV'T expense if the PCS authorization/order is later amended, modified, canceled, or revoked.

D. Transportation before an Authorization/Order Is Issued. POV transportation is permitted (see pars. U5410-A and U5420-B), before a PCS authorization/order is issued to an eligible member, provided the request is supported by a:

1. Statement from the PCS AO or the designated representative that the member was advised before the PCS authorization/order was issued that the PCS authorization/order would be issued;
2. Written agreement signed by the applicant to remit the entire cost of transportation if a PCS authorization/order to authorize transportation is not issued later;
3. Written agreement signed by the applicant to pay any additional costs for transshipment of the POV to another port required because the new PDS named in the authorization/order is different than that named in the statement required in par. U5440-D1.

The length of time before a PCS authorization/order is issued, during which a member may be advised that the PCS authorization/order is to be issued, may not exceed the relatively short period between the time when a determination is made to order the member to make a PCS and the date the PCS authorization/order is actually issued. General information furnished to the member concerning the issuance of a PCS authorization/order before the determination is made to actually issue the authorization/order (such as time of eventual release from active duty, time of expiration of term of service, eligibility for retirement date, expected rotation date from OCONUS duty, etc.) are not advice that the authorization/order would be issued ([52 Comp. Gen. 769 \(1973\)](#)).

U5445 EXCESS COST COLLECTION

Excess transportation costs, incurred by the GOV'T must be collected (see par. U1010-B9). This provision is not applicable to POV transportation aboard oceangoing car ferries.

U5455 POV TRANSPORTATION UNDER UNUSUAL OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

A. Official and Personal Situations

1. Dependents Do Not Perform Authorized Travel to the OCONUS PDS. A member with dependents:

- a. Ordered on PCS to an OCONUS PDS; and
- b. Who, in anticipation of the dependents accompanying or joining, transports a POV to the OCONUS PDS;

may be provided advance return transportation of the POV if, for reasons beyond the member's control, the dependents do not join the member. The Secretarial Process may authorize/approve the transportation when it is determined the return transportation is in the best interest of the member, or dependents, and the U.S. ([65 Comp. Gen. 520 \(1986\)](#)).

2. Authorization on Next PCS. *A member who has transported a POV under par. U5455-A1 has no further POV transportation authorization on the PCS from that PDS.*

3. Disciplinary Action Taken against Member Stationed OCONUS, or a Member Discharged under other than Honorable Conditions or Sentenced to Confinement with or without Discharge when No Dependent Travel Is Involved from OCONUS. A member whose PDS is OCONUS, and who is not authorized transportation of a POV ICW early return of dependents because dependents are not returned to CONUS under par. U5900-D2h (that is, the member has no dependents, dependents returned at personal expense without an authorization/order, dependents are not returning to CONUS, etc.), is authorized, and an authorization/order may be issued providing for transportation of a POV to the designated POV unloading port/VPC serving the member's HOR or PLEAD when the conditions in par. U5900-D2h, apply.

B. Member Reassigned from OCONUS PDS to which Dependent Travel Is Authorized to an OCONUS PDS to which Dependents' Travel Is Not Authorized before the POV Is Transported from a CONUS VPC/Port. When a member, on PCS from a CONUS PDS to an OCONUS PDS to which transportation of a POV is authorized, has:

1. Delivered a POV to a designated CONUS POV loading port/VPC for transportation to the OCONUS PDS; and
2. After reporting for duty at that PDS, but before the POV is transported from CONUS, is reassigned on PCS to another OCONUS PDS to which transportation of a POV is not authorized;

transportation is authorized to the CONUS POV unloading port/VPC ordinarily serving the CONUS DESIGNATED PLACE.

C. Incident to Alert Notice. A member, authorized dependents' transportation under par. U5240-D, is authorized POV transportation under par. U5410-B.

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D. PDS Evacuation. See pars. U6008 and U6057.

E. Member Officially Reported as Dead, Injured, Ill, Absent for more than 29 Days in a Missing Status, or upon Death

1. POV Transportation at GOV'T Expense

a. General. When a member on active duty is officially reported as dead, injured, ill, or absent for a period of more than 29 days in a missing status, two of the member's POVs may be transported at GOV'T expense (including required overland transportation) to:

- (1) The member's HOR;
- (2) The dependents' residence;
- (3) Next of kin, or other person authorized to receive custody of personal effects; or
- (4) Such other place(s) as determined IAW Service regulations.

b. POV Destination. Both POVs must be transported to the same destination.

c. POV Weight Restriction. *The 20 measurement ton per vehicle restriction does not apply to par. U5455-E.*

d. Member Injured or Ill. If a member is reported injured or ill, the allowances provided by par. U5455-E are authorized only when a prolonged (140 or more days) hospitalization period or treatment is anticipated as shown by a statement accepted by the Service concerned as being from competent authority at the receiving hospital.

NOTE: Both POVs must be transported to the same destination.

2. POV Transported by Other than the GOV'T

a. In lieu of having the GOV'T transport the POV(s), the member, the dependent, next-of-kin, any other person authorized to receive custody of the POV(s), or someone designated by one of these may:

- (1) Drive the POV(s) to the authorized destination (in which case reimbursement of necessary expenses such as fuel; oil; parking fees; ferry fares; and road, bridge, and tunnel tolls – ***but not a mileage payment*** - is authorized); or
- (2) Arrange transportation of the POV(s) and receive reimbursement.

NOTE: Both POVs must be driven/transported to the same destination.

b. The total reimbursement cannot exceed the cost that would have been incurred had the GOV'T transported/stored the POV(s). See Service claims regulations for GOV'T damage liability when the POV is driven.

c. Reimbursement is also limited to the cost of over water and overland transportation between the authorized points or locations between which the POV is actually transported, whichever is less.

3. Reimbursement of Rental Vehicle Cost when a POV(s) Arrives Late. If the POV(s) of the member (or dependent), transported at GOV'T expense, does/do not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date, the provisions in par. U5410-D apply. If two POVs are transported at GOV'T expense, no reimbursement is paid unless ***both POVs do not arrive*** at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date(s).

4. Storage

a. Non-temporary Storage. If the person authorized to receive custody of the POV(s):

- (1) Is not known;
- (2) Is subject to litigation; or
- (3) If known, has not yet been located and notified to take custody of the POV(s);

the POV(s) may be stored at GOV'T expense until such time as proper disposition can be made.

b. Storage in Transit (SIT). SIT of one or both POV(s) may be authorized/approved (using the provisions of par. U5375) provided the POV(s) is/are turned over for transportation within the time limits in par. U5372-B3. *SIT in excess of 180 days in such cases is the financial responsibility of the person for whom the shipment is being made.*

c. Size Restriction. *The SDDC storage contract maximum standard size restriction does not apply.*

5. Additional Moves

a. Status Change. A POV transported under par. U5455-E1 may again be moved under par. U5455-E1 when official notice is received that the member's status has changed from one to another of those listed in par. U5455-E1.

b. No Status Change - Member Reported as Missing for more than 1 Year. One or both POV(s) transported under par. U5455-E1 may again be transported under par. U5455-E1 when the member has been officially reported as absent for a period of more than 1 year in a missing status and the Secretarial Process determines that the circumstances in the individual case justify an additional move.

F. POV Transportation for Dependents Relocating for Personal Safety. See par. U5205.

U5456 TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT TO DIVORCE

When a member has POV transportation authorized by a PCS authorization/order, and a POV has been legally awarded to the member's ex-spouse incident to their divorce, the member may have one final transportation of that POV to a destination IAW the procedures prescribed in Ch 5, Part E1. This applies to those cases not coming under par. U5455-A, and is subject to the member's written request and agreement to pay any excess costs involved ([61 Comp. Gen. 180 \(1981\)](#)). *Transportation under par. U5456 exhausts the authorization for transportation of a POV under the member's PCS authorization/order.*

U5457 TIME LIMITATION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF A POV

A. Incident to Separation from Service or Relief from Active Duty. Transportation of a POV for an eligible member must be initiated within 180 days following separation from the Service or relief from active duty. Initiation of transportation means turning the POV into the designated POV loading port for transportation before the 181st day following separation from the Service or relief from active duty. This time limit may be extended by the Secretarial Process. A time extension must be for a specific additional time period. A time extension must, based on the facts and circumstances in the individual case, be a finding that having the POV transported within that initial time frame would be a hardship for the member.

NOTE: See par. U5012-I for restrictions to time limit extensions.

B. Incident to Retirement, Placement on TDRL, Discharge with Severance or Separation Pay, or Involuntary Release from Active Duty with Readjustment or Separation Pay. Transportation of a POV for an eligible member must be initiated within 1 year following the member's active service termination. Initiation of transportation means turning the POV into the designated POV loading port for transportation before 1 year expires following active service termination. This time limit may be extended by the Secretarial Process. A time extension may be authorized/approved for a member undergoing hospitalization, medical treatment, education or training, or in other deserving cases (see the provisions of pars. U5365-D, U5365-E, and U5365-F).

NOTE: See par. U5012-I for restrictions to time limit extensions.

C. Incident to PCS. Unless otherwise prescribed in this Volume or in Service Regulations, transportation of a POV for an eligible member may be initiated any time while the PCS authorization/order remains in effect and prior to receipt of another PCS authorization/order, as long as the POV transportation is incident to the member's PCS rather than for personal reasons ([45 Comp. Gen. 589 \(1966\)](#); B-183436, 22 July 1975).

U5460 CARE AND STORAGE

The GOV'T's responsibility begins when the POV is accepted for transportation and continues until the POV is delivered to the member at the destination, or when the POV is delivered to a commercial warehouse. If the POV is not claimed within a reasonable time after notification of arrival is given, as determined by the port commander, it may be placed in commercial storage at the member's expense.

U5461 RENTAL VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENT WHEN MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTED AT GOV'T EXPENSE ARRIVES LATE

This applies to GOV'T-authorized movement of a POV for a member or the member's dependents under unusual or emergency circumstances, and various other situations that may not be directly related to a PCS. If the motor vehicle of a member (or dependent), transported at GOV'T expense for the use of the member and/or dependents, does not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date, the Secretary Concerned must have the member reimbursed for expenses incurred to rent a motor vehicle for the member's and/or those dependents' use. Reimbursement, by law, may not exceed \$30 per day beginning the day a member first rents a motor vehicle after the designated (required) delivery date and runs for 7 days or until the date the member's motor vehicle is available for delivery to the member, whichever occurs first.

NOTE: A POV has not arrived at the authorized destination if it is not made available for delivery to the member on or before the authorized (required) delivery date. The maximum reimbursement is \$210. See Examples in par. U5410-D.

SECTION 2: POV STORAGE WHEN POV TRANSPORTATION TO A FOREIGN/NON-FOREIGN OCONUS PDS IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR STORAGE ICW CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY

U5462 DEFINITION

The following definition is used *only* for the purposes of JFTR, Ch 5, Part E, Sec 2:

NON-FOREIGN OCONUS AREA. The states of Alaska and Hawaii, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and any U.S. possession.

U5464 GENERAL

POV Storage is in lieu of POV shipment. This Section prescribes POV storage allowances for eligible members ordered to a foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (see par. U5462) PDS to which a POV is not permitted to be transported, or sent TDY for more than 30 days to a CONTINGENCY OPERATION. It also covers allowances associated with:

1. Travel to and from designated storage facilities,
2. POV storage preparation,
3. Actual storage costs,
4. POV preparation for removal from storage, and
5. Costs associated with delivery to the next authorized destination. See par. U5410.

Storage of more than one POV, and/or storage of a POV instead of authorized transportation is not allowed. Members are financially responsible for storage and/or transportation of additional POVs.

NOTE: APP for CONTINGENCY OPERATION definition.

U5466 ELIGIBILITY

NOTE: Members with a CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY start date or a PCS AUTHORIZATION/ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE (APP A) on/after 1 April 1997 are eligible for this storage. A member is eligible for this storage upon entering an IPCOT if the IPCOT begins on/after 1 April 1997. The storage authority begins effective with the beginning of the IPCOT.

A. Members. A member is eligible to have one POV stored at a storage facility if the member is:

1. Ordered to make a PCS to a foreign/non-foreign OCONUS. (See par. U5462) PDS; and the
 - a. Laws, regulations, and/or other restrictions imposed by the foreign country, area, or the U.S. preclude shipment/entry of a motor vehicle at GOV'T expense into that foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (see par. U5462) PDS; or
 - b. Vehicle would require extensive modification (other than normal maintenance servicing) as a condition to entry into the foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (see par. U5462) PDS; or
2. Sent TDY for more than 30 days to a CONTINGENCY OPERATION (APP A).

B. Storage. The Services, through their Secretarial processes, may designate POV storage facilities.

1. GOV'T-procured Storage Available

- a. If a Service elects to store a member's POV, the member may personally arrange storage at a commercial storage facility.
- b. A member who personally arranges for storage at a facility other than the Service-designated facility is reimbursed for the actual storage cost, NTE the GOV'T's constructed storage cost.

2. GOV'T-procured Storage Not Available. When:

a. GOV'T-procured storage:

- (1) Is not available, or
- (2) Has not been designated, or

b. The member is instructed by the shipping/transportation officer to store the POV at personal expense, the member arranges POV storage at a commercial storage facility and is reimbursed for the actual storage costs.

U5467 STORAGE IN LIEU OF SHIPMENT

POV storage is in lieu of POV shipment both to and from the foreign OCONUS PDS to which POV shipment is prohibited. A member who stores a POV at GOV'T expense is not authorized POV shipment from the foreign OCONUS location upon subsequent PCS. However, the member may ship the stored POV if ordered on a COT and POV transportation is permitted to the subsequent OCONUS PDS. ***The member may not continue to store the POV at GOV'T expenses while shipping another POV to the subsequent OCONUS PDS.*** This is based on the shipping entitlement to the subsequent OCONUS PDS.

Example 1: A member PCSs from CONUS to Japan (POV transportation not authorized) and the GOV'T pays to store the member's POV. The member receives a PCS authorization/order to a CONUS PDS and wants to ship a POV from Japan to the new CONUS PDS. The member does not have POV shipping authority from Japan because the member stored a POV.

Example 2: A member PCSs to Japan (POV transportation not authorized) and the GOV'T pays to store the member's POV. The member receives a PCS authorization/order to another OCONUS location where POV shipment is authorized. The member is authorized shipment of the POV from storage to the new OCONUS PDS.

NOTE: Removing the POV from storage before the member departs PCS/enters an IPCOT does not negate that the member stored a POV and is not authorized POV shipment. A member who removes the POV from storage upon an IPCOT/COT may be authorized POV shipment upon subsequent PCS after the IPCOT/COT tour.

U5468 TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT TO/FROM A STORAGE FACILITY

A. General. A Service may elect to transport the POV to and/or from the storage location. If a Service elects not to transport the POV, the member may personally arrange the transportation to and/or from the selected storage facility. If a Service elects to transport the POV, the member may elect to personally arrange POV transportation -- member's option.

1. GOV'T-procured Transportation Available to and/or from Storage Facility

- a. The member is reimbursed the automobile mileage rate for the official round trip distance between the old/new PDS (as appropriate) to and/or from the vehicle port/VPC or other point designated for turnover for transportation to and/or from storage.
- b. When GOV'T-procured transportation to and/or from a storage facility is available but the member elects to personally arrange for POV delivery to and/or from a storage facility, the member is to be reimbursed for the actual transportation cost NTE the GOV'T's constructed transportation cost. If the POV is driven, the member is reimbursed the automobile mileage rate for the official round trip distance NTE the GOV'T's constructed transportation cost.

NOTE: For OCONUS Travelers: The member is reimbursed one-way transportation at the automobile mileage rate between the designated storage facility and the authorized location (i.e., PDS, VPC/vehicle port) NTE the GOV'T's constructed transportation cost of shipping/transporting the POV.

2. GOV'T-procured Transportation Not Available to and/or from Storage Facility. When GOV'T-procured transportation to and/or from storage is not available, or the member is instructed by the shipping/transportation officer to personally arrange POV transportation, the member is to be reimbursed for the actual transportation cost. If the POV is driven, the member is to be reimbursed the automobile mileage rate for the official round-trip distance.

Travel time computed under par. U5160 is allowed for the round trips to deliver and/or pick-up a POV under par. U5468-A.

B. Delivery/Pick-up

1. The Service concerned may elect to transport a member's POV to and/or from the storage facility.
2. ***Vehicle storage transportation reimbursement may only be paid as mileage (see par. U2600) and is only for the round-trip distance from the old PDS to the closest VPC/loading port servicing the old PDS.*** This limitation does not apply to a member who stored a vehicle commercially with GOV'T reimbursement for storage expenses at a location other than the closest VPC/loading port servicing the old PDS before 1 June 2003.
3. A roundtrip is authorized to:
 - a. Deliver the POV to the storage facility, and
 - b. Pick-up the POV from the storage facility.
4. These roundtrips are available only if POV delivery and/or pickup is:
 - a. Not concurrent with PCS travel, or
 - b. ICW TDY on a CONTINGENCY OPERATION.

NOTE: For this Section, an RC member's PLEAD is the PDS. For POV delivery to storage upon the first PCS, the "old PDS" is the member's HOR or PLEAD. For POV pick-up upon separation or retirement, the "new PDS" is the HOR, or authorized HOS of the member under U5130-A1.

C. Delivery Accomplished Concurrently with Member's PCS Travel and No TDY En Route Is Involved

1. Delivery - Travel to Passenger Port via Storage Facility. An eligible member and/or dependent(s) who travels via the designated storage facility is authorized PCS allowances (including per diem) for direct travel from the old PDS to the designated storage facility and from the designated storage facility to the passenger POE.

2. Delivery - Travel to Storage Facility via Passenger Port. An eligible member, who travels from the old PDS to the passenger POE to drop off a dependent(s), then to the designated storage facility, and then returns to the passenger port, is paid PCS allowances (including per diem) from the old PDS to the passenger POE for self and dependent(s), plus PCS allowances for self from the passenger port to the designated storage facility.

Reimbursement for travel back to the passenger POE is not authorized.

D. Pick-up Accomplished Concurrently with Member's PCS Travel and No TDY En Route Is Involved. An eligible member (and/or dependent(s)) who travels via the designated storage facility is authorized PCS allowances (including appropriate per diem) for direct travel from the passenger POD to the designated storage facility and then to the new PDS.

E. Delivery/Pick-up from a Designated Storage Facility Accomplished Concurrently with TDY En Route

1. Delivery to a Designated Storage Facility ICW TDY En Route. An eligible member who delivers a POV to a designated storage facility ICW a PCS to a foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (see par. U5462) PDS with TDY en route, is authorized:

- a. MALT for one authorized traveler for the official distance from the old PDS to the TDY station(s) en route plus a per diem (see par. U5105-B2);
- b. MALT for one authorized traveler for the official distance from the TDY station to the designated storage facility; and
- c. PCS allowances (including appropriate per diem) for direct travel from the designated storage facility to the passenger port.

NOTE: When a dependent(s) accompanies the member and/or delivers the POV to the designated storage facility, the travel and transportation allowance for the dependent(s) are computed using par. U5220. If a dependent(s) delivers the POV to the designated storage facility without traveling to the TDY en route location, see par. U5468-C for dependent travel and transportation allowances.

2. Pick-Up in ICW TDY En Route. An eligible member, who picks up a POV from a designated storage facility ICW PCS travel to/from an en route TDY station, is authorized:

- a. PCS allowances (including appropriate per diem) for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated storage facility;
- b. MALT for one authorized traveler for travel for the official distance from the designated storage facility to/from the TDY station; plus a per diem for the member at the rates prescribed in par. U5105-B2; and
- c. MALT for one authorized traveler for the official distance from/to the TDY station en route to the new PDS plus a per diem for the member at the rates prescribed in par. U5105-B2.

NOTE: When a dependent(s) accompanies the member and/or delivers the POV to the designated storage facility, the travel and transportation allowance for the dependent(s) are computed using par. U5220. If a dependent(s) picks up the POV from the designated storage facility without traveling to the TDY en route location, see par. U5468-D for dependent travel and transportation allowances.

U5470 STORAGE FACILITIES USED

A. Designated Storage Facilities. The Services, through their Secretarial processes, may designate POV storage facilities. See par. U5466.

B. Personally-procured POV Storage

1. Commercial Storage Facilities

a. General. Commercial storage facilities include storage facilities at which anyone may store a POV (i.e., not limited to the particular member/service members in general.)

b. Storage Reimbursement. A member may be reimbursed for storing one POV at a commercial facility. See par. U5466.

c. Travel Reimbursement. A member may be reimbursed for travel to/from a commercial storage facility NTE the cost of travel to the Service-designated storage facility. Example: A member stationed in Fort Bragg, NC, chooses to store a POV in a commercial storage facility in Raleigh, NC. The Service-designated facility is in Goldsboro, NC. Member may be reimbursed for travel to/from the commercial facility NTE the cost of travel to/from Fort Bragg to Goldsboro.

2. Non-commercial Storage Facility

a. General. *Storage in a private residence, garage, or on a private lot does not constitute storage at a commercial facility.*

b. Storage Reimbursement. A member who stores a POV at a non-commercial storage facility must not be reimbursed for the costs associated with the POV vehicle's storage.

c. Travel Reimbursement. A member who stores a POV at a non-commercial storage facility must not be reimbursed for the costs associated with or transportation to/from storage.

U5472 FACTORS AFFECTING POV STORAGE

A. Authorization/Order Amended, Modified, Canceled, or Revoked. A POV stored or shipped after PCS authorization/order receipt (or notification of deployment on a CONTINGENCY OPERATION) may be removed and shipped/ transshipped to the proper destination, including the old or current PDS, at GOV'T expense, if the PCS (or CONTINGENCY OPERATION notification) authorization/order is later amended, modified, canceled, or revoked. If less than 12 months remain on an OCONUS tour, the POV may not be removed from storage for shipment. The exceptions in par. U5317 apply.

B. Storage before an Authorization/Order Is Issued. POV storage is permitted before a PCS (or CONTINGENCY OPERATION order/notification) authorization/order is issued to a member. A written statement must support the storage request:

1. From the PCS (or CONTINGENCY OPERATION designating) AO or the designated representative that the member was advised before such an authorization/order (or notification) was issued that it would be issued, and

2. Signed by the shipping applicant agreeing to be financially responsible for:

a. The entire storage cost if the PCS (or CONTINGENCY OPERATION order/notification) authorization/order to authorize storage is not issued later, and

b. Any additional POV transshipment costs to another storage facility required because the PDS named in the authorization/order is different than the PDS named in the statement required in par. U5472-B1 (or return to the current PDS if the CONTINGENCY OPERATION order/notification is not issued).

3. The length of time before a PCS (or a CONTINGENCY OPERATION notification) authorization/order is issued, during which a member may be advised that the PCS (or notification) authorization/order is to be issued, may not exceed the relatively short period between the time when a determination is made to order the member to make a PCS (or take part in the CONTINGENCY OPERATION) and the date the authorization/order (or CONTINGENCY OPERATION notification) is actually issued.

4. General information furnished to the member concerning PCS (or CONTINGENCY OPERATION notification) authorization/order issuance before the determination is made to actually issue the authorization/order or notification (such as eventual release date from active duty, expiration date of service term, retirement eligibility date, expected rotation date from foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (see par. U5462) duty, anticipated CONTINGENCY OPERATION departure date, etc.) is not advice that the authorization/order or notification will be issued ([52 Comp. Gen. 769 \(1973\)](#)).

C. Time Limitation. Unless otherwise prescribed in this Volume, POV storage for a member may be initiated any time while the authorization/order remains in effect and prior to receipt of the next PCS authorization/order, as long as the POV storage is incident to the member's PCS rather than for personal reasons ([45 Comp. Gen. 589 \(1966\)](#); [B-183436, 22 July 1975](#)).

U5474 RESTRICTIONS

A. Restriction on Vehicle Size. A member, who stores a POV that exceeds the SDDC storage contract maximum standard size, is financially responsible for any storage costs caused by the vehicle's excess size. See par. U1010-B9. As an exception, the Secretarial Process may authorize/approve storage of an oversized POV (as the one POV for which storage may be authorized) if the member or dependents(s) require the oversized POV for medical reasons. Excess costs are collected IAW Service regulations.

B. Combining POV Size Limitation when Husband and Wife Are Members. The size restriction contained in par. U5474-A may be ignored for the purpose of storing one larger vehicle at GOV'T expense in lieu of storing two POVs (one POV stored for each member) during an assignment when each member is authorized POV storage. Payment for storing the vehicle may not exceed the GOV'T's total cost if each member had stored a vehicle within the maximum standard size.

C. Other Excess Storage Costs. Excess storage costs, incurred due to the member's negligence or choice, are the member's financial responsibility. See par. U1010-B9.

*U5475 EARLY POV RELEASE FROM STORAGE WITHOUT A NEW PCS AUTHORIZATION/ORDER

*A. Early Release from Storage. Once a POV is released from storage, that POV is not authorized further storage at GOV'T expense; to include personally procured storage until a new authorization/order is issued.

*B. Authorized POV Movement. A POV withdrawn from storage without a new authorization/order is only authorized movement to the original CONUS turn-in VPC or the CONUS VPC serving the storage site. The POV is not authorized movement to the OCONUS turn-in site.

U5476 CONTINUED POV STORAGE

A. Continued POV Storage for Active Duty Members. A POV may remain in storage at GOV'T expense for up to 90 days after the member returns from an OCONUS PDS (see par. U5462) to which the POV could not be shipped, or from TDY on a CONTINGENCY OPERATION. Storage charges accrued after the 90 days are the member's financial responsibility, unless additional storage is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.

B. Continued POV Storage upon Separation from Service or Relief from Active Duty, Retirement, Placement on TDRL, Discharge with Severance or Separation Pay, or Involuntary Release from Active Duty with Readjustment or Separation Pay

1. Separation from Service or Relief from Active Duty. A member, separated from the Service or relieved from active duty who has a POV in storage under par. U5466, is authorized continued POV storage until the 180th day after the active duty termination date, *unless specifically prohibited in par. U5360*. Storage charges, accrued on/after the 181st day, are the member's financial responsibility, unless additional storage is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.

2. Retirement, Placement on TDRL, Discharge with Severance or Separation Pay, or Involuntary Release from Active Duty with Readjustment or Separation Pay. A member, retired, placed on the TDRL, discharged with severance or separation pay, or involuntarily released from active duty with readjustment or separation pay, who has a POV in storage under par. U5466, is authorized continued POV storage for up to 1 year from the active duty termination date (including by a member's death). The authority and circumstances in par. U5365 apply for extending the 1-year storage limit. Storage charges, accrued on/after the 366th day, are the member's (or dependent's) financial responsibility, unless additional storage is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.

NOTE: Pickup/delivery out of storage is authorized at GOV'T expense, regardless of time in storage (as long as the member's authorization/order is valid). This includes storage that has been converted to storage at the member's expense.

U5478 CARE AND STORAGE

The GOV'T's responsibility begins when the POV is accepted for storage and continues (including during continued storage at member's expense) until the POV is delivered to the member.

U5479 ADVANCE OF FUNDS

Authorized POV storage costs may be paid in advance.

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SECTION 2: DLA AUTHORIZATION FACTORS

U5630 AUTHORIZATION FACTORS

A. General. A member is authorized DLA under par. U5610 for a PCS move and dependent evacuation. These are the usual authorization categories. There are a number of other situations in which a member may or may not be authorized DLA. The authorization under these special circumstances follows.

B. Special Categories for Which DLA Is Authorized

1. A Member's Old and New PDSs Are in Proximity to Each Other or a Member Is Reassigned between Activities at the Same PDS. A DLA is payable when the old and new PDSs are in proximity to each other or when a member is reassigned between activities at the same PDS (see par. U5355-B1), only when a member is authorized a short distance HHG move at GOV'T expense ([42 Comp. Gen. 460 \(1963\)](#)).

2. PCS between PDSs Not in Proximity to Each Other. A statement that the household relocation was necessary as a direct result of the PCS is required to support DLA payment when dependents make a proximity move based on a PCS between PDSs not in proximity to each other. The member's statement must be accepted when the PCS is from or to a dependent restricted tour. A statement from the new PDS commanding officer, or from that commanding officer's designated representative, is required to document that the relocation is a direct result of the PCS or ITDY assignment when the PCS is not from or to a dependent restricted tour or is to or from an ITDY assignment. *The designated representative may not re-delegate this authority. **NOTE: DLA is payable for proximity moves performed under an ITDY authorization/order. See 37 USC §406(e) and 37 USC §407.***

3. Dependent Movement to/from a Designated Place. DLA is payable when the dependents complete travel if moved to or from a designated place on the member's PCS authorization/order. No further DLA authorization accrues for that PCS unless authorized under par. U5630-B9. DLA is paid when, ICW an evacuation, eligible dependents move to a designated place. See pars. U6012 and U6059.

4. Transfer to CONUS Hospital

a. Transfer to a CONUS Hospital from OCONUS. DLA is payable to a member with dependents who is transferred from OCONUS to a CONUS hospital for observation and treatment and who relocates the household incident to such transfer.

b. Transfer to a CONUS Hospital from inside CONUS. DLA is payable to a member with dependents who is transferred from inside CONUS to a CONUS hospital for observation and treatment and who relocates the household incident to such transfer. A statement of prolonged hospitalization is required from the receiving hospital commanding officer.

5. Inter-service Transfer. When a member is:

a. Separated or relieved from active duty to continue on active duty in another Service, and

b. Transferred with no break in service from one Service to another under the authority of 10 USC §716 or any similar statutory provision,

the member is authorized DLA when the household is relocated incident to an ordered PCS resulting from a change of service. **NOTE: The service performed after such separation is a continuation of the prior period of service.**

6. Authorization/Order Amended, Modified, Canceled, or Revoked. When a PCS authorization/order is amended, modified, canceled, or revoked to direct the member to return to the station from which transferred, a DLA is payable if the member and/or dependent actually move from the place of residence before the date the authorization/order is amended, modified, canceled, or revoked. If a member and/or dependents actually move from the place of residence ICW a PCS authorization/order and complete a move to a new location and then that PCS authorization/order is amended, modified, canceled, or revoked to either direct the member to return to the old station or to direct the member to a different new PDS, then a DLA is payable ICW each move. ***No more than two DLAs are authorized by par. U5630. NOTE: In this situation only, the amount of the second DLA paid is taken from Table U5G-2. Par. U5630 does not authorize more than one DLA for a dependent who moves twice under the authority in par. U5222-C3a.***

7. Member without Dependents Assigned to Two-crew Nuclear Submarine (SSBN)

a. No Home Port Change. A member without dependents assigned to a two-crew nuclear submarine is authorized DLA upon arrival at the ship's home port, provided the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS and occupies non-GOV'T QTRS for a period of more than 15 days before reporting aboard the assigned ship ([57 Comp. Gen. 178 \(1977\)](#)).

b. Home Port Change. A member without dependents, assigned to a two-crew nuclear submarine when the home port is changed, is authorized DLA at the new home port, provided the member is not assigned to GOV'T QTRS and occupies non-GOV'T QTRS for a period of more than 15 days ([59 Comp. Gen. 221 \(1980\)](#)).

8. Member Reported as Dead or Absent for more than 29 Days in a Missing Status. DLA is payable for movement of dependents of a member who is reported as dead or absent for a period of more than 29 days in a missing status (see par. U5241).

9. In Place Consecutive Overseas Tour (IPCOT). A member at an OCONUS PDS whose tour status changes from accompanied to unaccompanied or from unaccompanied to accompanied at the same PDS after initial tour of duty completion is authorized DLA if the dependents make an authorized move to or from the OCONUS PDS ICW the change-of-tour status.

10. Early Return of Dependents. Incident to the early return of all of a member's dependents under par. U5900-B, U5900-C, or U5900-D, the member is authorized DLA the day one or more dependents arrive at the permanent residence location or the day all the dependents have departed the member's overseas station, whichever is later. A DLA is not authorized if dependents are authorized to return to the member's OCONUS PDS.

11. Member Who Has No Dependents and Is Assigned to a Ship. A member is authorized DLA (73 Comp. Gen. 6 (1993)) if the member:

a. ***Has no dependent (NOTE: DLA at the without-dependent rate is payable under par. U5630-B11 to a member, who is a member with dependents for housing purposes solely because the member is paying child support.), and***

b. Is assigned to permanent duty aboard a ship, and

c. Elects not to occupy assigned shipboard QTRS for a member above the grade of E-5 or is authorized BAH for a member in the grade of E-5 or E-4 as appropriate, and

d. Occupies private sector housing ashore.

12. Ordered to Move ICW a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) of a Military INSTALLATION. A member is authorized DLA when the member is ordered to move ICW a BRAC Commission action on a military INSTALLATION and, as a result, the member's dependent actually moves or, in the case of a member without dependent, the member actually moves. For par. U5630-B12, the term military INSTALLATION

means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, home port facility of any ship, or other activity, including any leased facility. The term “realignment” includes any action which both reduces and relocates functions and civilian personnel positions, but does not include a reduction in force resulting from workload adjustments, reduced personnel or funding levels, or skill imbalances (10 USC §2687(e)(3)).

13. Member without Dependents Elects Not to Occupy Inadequate GOV'T QTRS. A member above the grade of E-5 is authorized DLA if the member:

- a. Has no dependent,
- b. Is assigned to QTRS of the U.S. that do not meet the minimum adequacy standards established by DoD for members in such grade, or
- c. Is assigned to a housing facility under the jurisdiction of a uniformed service that does not meet such standards, and
- d. Elects not to occupy such QTRS or facility.

14. Both Spouses below Grade E-6 Assigned to Sea Duty. The senior spouse of a member-married-to-member couple (both below Grade E-6) is authorized DLA if the spouses:

- a. *Have no dependents,*
- b. Are assigned simultaneously to permanent duty aboard ship(s),
- c. Elect not to occupy assigned shipboard QTRS, and
- d. Occupy non-GOV'T or family-type GOV'T QTRS ashore.

See 73 Comp. Gen. 6 (1993).

*15. Housing Moves at a PDS for the GOV'T's Convenience. A partial DLA of \$641.41 (effective 1 January 2009) must be paid to a member who is ordered to occupy/vacate family-type GOV'T QTRS due to:

- a. Privatization,
- b. Renovation, or
- c. Any other reason for the GOV'T's convenience other than PCS. See the **NOTE** below.

NOTE: *For par. U5630-B, item 15(c), partial DLA is not authorized for the following local moves:*

- 1. *From GOV'T QTRS upon separation/retirement;*
- 2. *Incident to PCS;*
- 3. *Change in family size or bedroom requirement for the member's convenience including promotion;*
- 4. *Voluntarily member-initiated (Exception: GOV'T-directed moves under pars. U5355-C1 and U5355-C2);*
- 5. *Pending divorce or family separation;*
- 6. *Due to the member's misconduct; or*
- *7. *From privatized housing to privatized housing.*

16. ITDY. DLA (also see exception to one-DLA-per-year rule) is payable ICW an ITDY authorization/order.

C. Special Categories for Which DLA Is *Not* Authorized. DLA is *not* authorized ICW a PCS:

1. From home or from PLEAD to first PDS unless the dependents actually move from the member's residence to the PDS or designated place ICW the PCS (if the dependents do not relocate to the new PDS, or the member has no dependents, DLA is not authorized from home or PLEAD to the first PDS);
2. From last PDS to home or to the PLEAD;
3. From last PDS in one period of service to first PDS in another period of service when there was no ordered PCS between those stations;
4. When the member does not relocate the household (e.g., the member continues to commute from the same residence) ***NOTE: Household relocation is not limited to transporting HHG. A member may relocate the household and neither transport HHG nor move dependents (e.g., A member with dependents who leaves the dependents in place and moves to the new PDS taking some personal belongings has in fact relocated the household. This member may be eligible for a DLA at the without-dependent rate if GOV'T QTRS are not available at the new PDS. This item does not apply to a member on a PCS from home or from PLEAD to first PDS. See par. U5630-C1 with which this item does not conflict.)***; or
5. For a member with dependents, ICW PCS travel performed under the conditions outlined in pars. U5201-B1a through B1d, U5201-B2a through B2f; and U5201-B3b.
6. Local short distance moves IAW par. U5355, except as authorized in pars. U5630-B1, U5630-B2, U5630-B12, and U5630-B15.

D. Household Relocation Incident to Alert Notification. A member with dependent,

1. Who relocates the household incident to an official alert notification,
2. But before a PCS authorization/order is issued, which provides for transfer to an OCONUS PDS to which dependent travel is not authorized under par. U5240-D,

is authorized the DLA only when the PCS has been completed.

E. DLA when a Member-married-to-member Couple Is Transferred to a New PDS. One DLA (at the rate payable to the senior member) is authorized to be paid to a member-married-to-member couple, assigned to family-type GOV'T QTRS, if both:

1. Are without dependents, and
2. Move to a new PDS.

Table U5G-3 is for a member, married to a member, who incident to a PCS disestablishes a household at one PDS and establishes a household at a new PDS.

F. DLA when a Member is Directed by Competent Authority to Vacate Private Sector QTRS. A member authorized a short distance HHG move from private sector QTRS to other private sector QTRS for the GOV'T's convenience under the conditions in par. U5355-D is authorized a DLA. ***This does not include moves to or from privatized housing.***

PART H: TLE ALLOWANCE WITHIN CONUS

U5700 PURPOSE

TLE is intended to *partially* pay for lodging/meal expenses when a member/dependent(s) occupy temporary QTRS *in CONUS* due to a PCS.

U5705 AUTHORIZATION

A. Authorized TLE. A member is authorized TLE reimbursement NTE the number of days authorized in par. U5710:

1. Before leaving the old CONUS PDS, DESIGNATED PLACE (APP A), a member's CONUS HOR, and/or technical school if the member is reporting to the first PDS; or

NOTE: *TLE is payable incident to a move when entering active duty to the first PDS.*

2. After arriving at the new CONUS PDS, DESIGNATED PLACE, and the member's first PDS, if the member is reporting there from HOR or initial technical school; or
3. When house-hunting is performed after the member completes PCS travel to the new PDS (i.e., in conjunction with a PCS after arrival at the new PDS); or
4. For the elapsed time between PDSs when per diem is not payable; and
5. When the member's PCS authorization/order is cancelled or revoked after the member occupies temporary QTRS. The member is authorized TLE reimbursement up to the maximum number of days allowable; or
6. Upon initial arrival at a CONUS PDS and waiting for GOV'T QTRS assignment, or while completing arrangements for other permanent living accommodations when GOV'T QTRS are not available.

NOTE: *The 'TLE days' covered must be used in the vicinity of the old/new PDS, DESIGNATED PLACE, and/or the member's CONUS HOR or initial technical school if the member is ordered to active duty.*

Example: If a member has 8 days elapsed time (e.g., proceed, delay, travel, etc.) between PDSs and the allowable travel time is 7 days, the member may be paid TLE for one day if spent near the old or new PDS. The additional available 'TLE days' may be claimed for days spent:

- a. Near the old PDS before (or after) the member checked out of the activity at the old PDS; and/or
- b. At a DESIGNATED PLACE (APP A) en route; and/or
- c. Near the new PDS before (or after) the member checked into the new activity at the new PDS.

If a member has 22 days elapsed time between PDSs and the allowable travel time is 7 days, the member may be paid:

- a. The maximum allowable TLE allowance for days spent at/near the old/new PDS; or
- b. A DESIGNATED PLACE en route as described in the 8-day example.

B. Not Authorized TLE. A member is not authorized TLE:

1. When leaving active duty; or
2. For a house-hunting trip taken before the member moves to the new PDS (i.e., not in conjunction with a PCS); or
3. On behalf of dependent(s) acquired after the a PCS authorization/order effective date; or
4. On behalf of dependent(s) who returned from an OCONUS location prior to PCS authorization/order issuance (see Ch 5, Part J); or
5. On behalf of dependent(s) relocating for personal safety (see par. U5205); or
6. When ordered to ITDY.

NOTE: A member is authorized TLE for the acquired dependent for the next PCS assignment which also includes the vicinity of the place at which the dependent was acquired.

U5710 TIME LIMITATIONS

TLE reimbursement is limited to:

1. 10 days for a PCS to a CONUS PDS (a member may split the days among old CONUS PDS, new CONUS PDS, and DESIGNATED PLACE in CONUS); or
2. 5 days for a PCS to an OCONUS PDS (a member may split the days between old CONUS PDS and DESIGNATED PLACE in CONUS);
3. 10 days for a member reporting to the first CONUS PDS from the HOR or initial technical school. A member may split the days among CONUS HOR, initial technical school, CONUS DESIGNATED PLACE and CONUS PDS; or
4. 5 days for a member reporting to the first OCONUS PDS from the HOR or initial technical school. A member may split the days between CONUS HOR, initial technical school, and CONUS DESIGNATED PLACE; or

Effective for TLE incurred 20 March 2008 through and including 31 December 2009 (30 May 2006 – 19 March 2008 maximum number of days TLE was 20 days)

5. 60 days for a PCS to a CONUS PDS for which the Secretaries Concerned have collectively prescribed a temporary increase due to:
 - a. a major disaster (PDS must be located in a Presidentially-declared disaster area), or
 - b. the PDS is experiencing a sudden increase in number of members assigned.

TLE has been temporarily increased for the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective for Dates</u>	<u>Number of TLE days</u>
Fort Drum, NY	22 Mar 2007 – 19 Mar 2008	20
Fort Drum, NY	20 Mar 2008 – 31 Dec 2009	60

NOTE: A member paid 20 days TLE before 20 March 2008 who is still in temporary QTRS on 20 March 2008 may be authorized up to an additional 40 days TLE if needed starting on 20 March 2008. No more than 60 days TLE may be paid to an individual member.

U5715 TEMPORARY QTRS

Temporary QTRS for the member/dependent(s):

1. Must be a temporary residence; and
2. Must be in the vicinity of the old and/or new PDS/DESIGNATED PLACE; and
3. May be allowed if assigned family-type GOV'T QTRS are not occupied because:
 - a. HHG have not been shipped from the old PDS; or
 - b. HHG have not been received at the new PDS; or
 - c. GOV'T QTRS are undergoing repair/renovation; or
 - d. HHG have been packed, picked up and/or shipped from the losing PDS; or
 - e. For similar reasons.

NOTE: Lodging receipts are required. When member/dependent(s) stay with friends/relatives, lodging cost is not authorized but the TLE meal portion is payable.

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U5720 REIMBURSEMENT

A. Member-Married-to-Member. When both spouses are members:

1. Each may be reimbursed up to \$290 per day, and
2. Both may not claim the same dependent(s) for TLE on the same days, and
3. One member may not claim the other member for TLE payment, and
4. TLE *may be paid*, in addition to TQSE for civilian employees, (see JTR, Ch 5, Part H) as long as TLE and TQSE payments cover different expenses. ***Duplicate payment for the same expenses is not authorized. The couple may not each receive PCS travel and transportation allowance payments for the same purpose or expense (54 Comp. Gen. 892 (1975)).***

B. Per Diem Rate. The *locality* per diem rate based on the PDS (or DESIGNATED PLACE, HOR or initial follow-on technical training, if applicable) location is used for TLE reimbursement.

C. Maximum TLE Reimbursement. A member:

1. May be reimbursed a maximum of \$290 per day for TLE expenses when the member and dependent(s) occupy temporary QTRS on the same or different days ([B-221732, 10 April 1987](#)); and
2. May choose the days TLE is claimed when occupying temporary QTRS on different days than the dependent(s); and
3. Dependent(s) may occupy temporary QTRS on different days, but TLE is determined as if lodgings were occupied on the same days; and

4. Should use available GOV'T QTRS (see par. U1045).

NOTE: When GOV'T QTRS are available and other lodgings are used, lodging reimbursement is limited to the GOV'T QTRS' cost or locality lodging rate, whichever is lower. See par. U1045.

D. Reimbursement Example:

1. A member occupies temporary QTRS at the new PDS for 12 days (1-12 April).
2. The member's dependent(s) also occupy temporary QTRS for 12 days (18-29 April).
3. The member selects 1-10 April (member) and 18-27 April (dependents) for TLE.
4. Reimbursement for the daily **combined** total expenses of the member and dependent(s) (e.g., 1 April for the member and 18 April for the dependents) must not exceed \$290 per day.

E. Reimbursement Computation

Step 1: Determine the daily lodging ceiling and M&IE rate. Multiply the percentage in the following table by the applicable locality lodging and M&IE rates.

No. of Eligible Persons Occupying Temporary QTRS	Percentage Applicable
Member or 1 dependent:	65%
Member and 1 dependent, or 2 dependents only:	100%
For each additional dependent age 12 and over, add:	35%
For each additional dependent under age 12, add:	25%

NOTES: The above percentage factors are used for both lodging and M&IE unless:

1. For member-married-to-member couples, each spouse begins with 65%. Each dependent then increases the percentage for the member claiming that dependent as shown in Examples 3 and 4.
2. For a member with multiple dependents occupying the same temporary lodging, add each dependent starting with the oldest dependent to get the correct percentage rate as shown in examples 2, 4 and 5. A member with two dependents, one over 12 and one under 12 is 125% (member and dependent over 12 is 100%, dependent under 12 is 25%).

Step 2: Determine the lodging cost. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the lodging cost ceiling found in Step 1. Use the lesser.

Step 3: Determine the gross daily equivalency. Add the Step 2 result to the Sep 1 daily M&IE rate.

Step 4: Determine the applicable daily rate. Compare \$290.00 with the Step 3 amount. Pay the lesser of these two amounts for that day.

NOTE: The locality per diem rate(s) used in these examples may not be the rate(s) currently in effect and is/are for illustration purposes only. See par. U2025 for the current Standard CONUS per diem rate.

***EXAMPLE 1 -- TLE ALLOWANCE**

Member with no dependents

A member without dependents is PCS'd between two CONUS PDSs. Before and after reporting at the new PDS, the member occupies temporary private sector lodgings at the new PDS for 4 nights at \$47.50/night (\$42.75 plus \$4.75 tax). The new PDS locality per diem rate is \$124 (\$78/ \$46). The member certifies that GOV'T QTRS are not available. The member is authorized TLE, computed as follows:

1. Determine maximum rates (Given percent x locality rate).	
M&IE	65% x \$46 = \$29.90
Lodging	65% x \$78 = \$50.70
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate and use the lesser.	\$47.50 vs. \$50.70 \$47.50
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected lodging in Step 2.	\$29.90 + \$47.50 = \$77.40
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$77.40.	\$290.00 vs. \$77.40 \$77.40/day x 4 days = \$309.60

***EXAMPLE 2 -- TLE ALLOWANCE**

Member with 3 dependents

A member (with a spouse (not entitled to basic pay) and two children (ages 12 and 9)) is PCS'd between two CONUS PDSs. The Standard CONUS per diem rate of \$116 (\$70/ \$46) applies to both PDSs. After reporting to the new PDS, the member and dependents occupy temporary private sector lodgings off-post for 8 nights at \$80/night (\$72 plus \$8 tax). The member certifies that GOV'T QTRS are not available. The member is authorized TLE, computed as follows:

1. Determine maximum rates (Given percent x locality rate).	
M&IE	160% x \$46 = \$73.60
Lodging	160% x \$70 = \$112.00
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate and use the lesser.	\$80 vs. \$112 \$80
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging cost.	\$73.60 + \$80.00 = \$153.60
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$153.60.	\$290 vs. \$ 153.60 \$153.60/day x 8 days = \$1,228.80

*EXAMPLE 3 -- TLE ALLOWANCE Two Members with other dependents	
<p>A member-married-to-member couple with two dependents (ages 14 and 10) are PCS'd between two CONUS PDSs. The Standard CONUS per diem rate of \$116 (\$70/ \$46) applies to both PDSs. Before and after reporting at the new PDS, the members and dependents occupy temporary private sector lodgings off-post for 6 nights at \$100/night (\$90 plus \$10 tax). Each member is authorized TLE NTE \$290/day for 10 days. The \$100/night lodging cost is halved between the two members. The members certify that GOV'T QTRS are not available. The members are authorized TLE, computed as follows:</p>	
Member #1 (with 1 dependent)	
1. Determine Maximum rates (Given percent x locality rate).	
M&IE	100% x \$46 = \$46
Lodging	100% x \$70 = \$70
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate and use the lesser.	\$50 vs. \$70 \$50
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the Step 2 lodging cost.	\$46 + \$50 = \$ 96
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$96.	\$290 vs. \$96 \$96/day x 6 days = \$576
Member #2 (with 1 dependent)	
1. Determine Maximum rates (Given percent x locality rate)	
M&IE	100% x \$46 = \$46
Lodging	100% x \$70 = \$70
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate and use the lesser.	\$50 vs. \$70 \$50
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging cost.	\$46 + \$50 = \$ 96
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$96.	\$290 vs. \$96 \$96/day x 6 days = \$576
<p>The daily rate paid to each member is \$96. The combined daily amount paid to both members is \$192.00 (\$96 + \$96). The combined amount paid to both members for 6 days is \$1,152 (\$192/day x 6 days or \$576 + \$576).</p>	

***EXAMPLE 4 – TLE ALLOWANCE**

A member-married-to-member couple with two dependents, (ages 5 and 7), are PCS'd between two CONUS PDSs. The new PDS locality per diem rate is \$115 (\$69/ \$46). Before and after reporting at the new PDS, the members and dependents occupy temporary private sector lodgings off-post for 30 nights at \$100/night (\$90 plus \$10 tax). Each member is authorized TLE NTE \$290/day for 10 days. The \$100 lodging cost is the same rate regardless of how many people occupy the room. The members certify that GOV'T QTRS are not available. ***NOTE: In this example, each member claims the two dependent children BUT for different days.*** The members are authorized TLE, computed as follows:

Member #1 (with 2 dependents)	
1. Determine Maximum rate (Given percent x locality rate). M&IE Lodging	$125\% \times \$46.00 = \$ 57.50$ $125\% \times \$69.00 = \$ 86.25$
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate and use the lesser.	$\$100.00$ vs. $\$86.25$ $\$86.25$
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging cost.	$\$57.50 + \$86.25 = \$143.75$
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$143.75.	$\$290.00$ vs. $\$143.75$ $\$143.75/\text{day} \times 10 \text{ days} = \$1,437.50$
Member #2 (with 2 dependents)	
1. Determine Maximum rate (Given percent x locality rate). M&IE Lodging	$125\% \times \$46.00 = \57.50 $125\% \times \$69.00 = \$ 86.25$
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging and use the lesser.	$\$100.00$ vs. $\$86.25$ $\$86.25$
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging cost.	$\$57.50 + \$86.25 = \$143.75$
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$143.75.	$\$290.00$ vs. $\$143.75$ $\$143.75/\text{day} \times 10 \text{ days} = \$1,437.50$
The first member may claim TLE for any 10-day period and the second member may claim TLE for any other 10-day period (with no overlap in days) in temporary private sector lodgings. Each member is authorized the maximum of 10 days (\$290/day x 10 days = \$2,900). The combined amount paid to both members for 20 days is \$2,875 (\$1,437.50 + \$1,437.50).	

***EXAMPLE 5 -- TLE ALLOWANCE**

A member with a spouse (the spouse is not entitled to basic pay) and two children (ages 14 and 11) is PCS'd between two CONUS PDSs. Before departing the old PDS, the member and dependents occupy temporary private sector lodgings off post for 2 nights at \$195/night (\$170 plus \$25 tax). The old PDS locality per diem rate is \$232 (\$161/ \$71). Before and after reporting to the new PDS, the member and dependents occupy temporary private sector lodgings off-post for 6 nights at \$85/night (\$77 plus \$8 tax). The new PDS locality per diem rate is \$116.00 (\$70/ \$46). The member certifies that GOV'T QTRS are not available at either PDS. The member is authorized TLE computed as follows:

OLD PDS	
1. Determine maximum rate (Given percent x locality rate).	
M&IE	160% x \$71.00 = \$113.60
Lodging	160% x \$161.00 = \$257.60
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate and use the lesser.	\$195 vs. \$257.60 \$195
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging cost.	\$113.60 + \$195 = \$308.60
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$290.	\$290 vs. \$308.60 \$290/day x 2 days = \$580
NEW PDS	
1. Determine maximum rate (Given percent x locality rate).	
M&IE	160% x \$46.00 = \$73.60
Lodging	160% x \$70.00 = \$112.00
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser.	\$85 vs. \$112 \$85
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging cost.	\$73.60 + \$85.00 = \$158.60
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$158.60.	\$290 vs. \$158.60 \$158.60/day x 6 days = \$951.60
The member is authorized a total of \$1,531.60 (\$580.00 + \$951.60) for TLE.	

***EXAMPLE 6 – TLE ALLOWANCE**

A member occupies temporary QTRS at the new PDS for 12 days (1-12 April) at \$52/night (\$47 per night plus \$5 tax). The new PDS locality per diem rate is \$123 (\$77/ \$46). The member's dependents (spouse and one child) occupy temporary private sector lodgings at the old PDS for 12 days (18-29 April) at \$60/night (\$54 plus \$6 tax). The old PDS locality per diem rate is \$127 (\$81/ \$46). The member selected 1-10 April (member) and 18-27 April (dependents) for TLE. The member certifies that GOV'T QTRS were not available at either location. The member is authorized TLE, computed as follows:

	Member (New PDS)	Dependent(s) (Old PDS)
1. Determine max rate (Given percent x locality rate)		
M&IE	65% x \$46.00 = \$29.90	100% x \$46.00 = \$46.00
Lodging	65% x \$77.00 = \$50.05	100% x \$81.00 = \$81.00
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser.	\$52.00 vs. \$50.05 \$50.05	\$60.00 vs. \$81.00 \$60.00
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging cost.	\$29.90 + \$50.05 = 79.95	\$46.00 + \$60.00 = 106.00
Combined Total:	\$79.95 + \$106.00 = \$185.95	
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 combined total and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$185.95.	\$290.00 vs. \$185.95 \$185.95/day x 10 days = \$1,859.50	

***EXAMPLE 7 – TLE ALLOWANCE**
Two Rooms Occupied

A member with a spouse (the spouse is not entitled to basic pay) and three children (ages 14, 12 and 9) is PCS'd between two CONUS PDSs. The new PDS locality per diem rate is \$166 (\$115/ \$51). After reporting to the new PDS, the member and dependents occupy 2 rooms as temporary private sector lodgings off-post for 8 nights at \$114/night (\$99 plus \$15 tax) for each room, totaling \$228/night. The member certifies that GOV'T QTRS are not available. The member is authorized TLE, computed as follows:

1. Determine maximum rates (Given percent x locality rate). (Member & spouse 100% plus 2 dependents age 12 and older (35% + 35%) 70% and one dependent (under age 12) 25% for a total of 195%) M&IE Lodging	195% x \$51 = \$99.45 195% x \$115 = \$224.25
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate and use the lesser.	(2 x \$114) = \$228 vs. \$224.25 \$224.25
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging cost.	\$99.45 + \$224.25 = 323.70
4. Compare \$290 with the Step 3 amount and pay the lesser amount for each day. Pay \$290.	\$290 vs. \$323.70 \$290/day x 8 days = \$2,320.00

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An advance may be paid for the average number of days (as determined by the Secretarial Process) for which TLE is paid ICW a PCS to that PDS. The advance is limited to the maximum amount for 10 days if the new PDS is in CONUS and for 5 days if the new PDS is OCONUS.

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*U6005 SAFE HAVEN EVACUATION ALLOWANCES FOR A COMMAND-SPONSORED DEPENDENT INCLUDING A DEPENDENT STUDENT

A. Purpose. A safe haven evacuation allowance is provided to assist a member in meeting the excess costs involved in temporarily maintaining command-sponsored dependents at a place away from the PDS and a dependent student for any period during the evacuation during which the dependent student would have otherwise been residing at the member's PDS. ***A member is not authorized any safe haven evacuation allowances in Ch 6, Part A, for a non-command-sponsored dependent who was at the member's PDS.*** However, all other dependents listed in par. U6001-A, including a dependent who turned 21 at the evacuated PDS or while at the safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE, are authorized safe haven evacuation allowances, even though no longer command-sponsored.

NOTES:

1. ***Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in CONUS or a non-foreign OCONUS area is a separately reimbursable travel expense in addition to lodging reimbursement.***
2. ***Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in foreign areas is not separately reimbursable. It is part of the per diem rate(s) used to compute the safe haven evacuation allowances. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.***

B. General

1. 'Lodgings-Plus' Computation Method Applicability to an Evacuated Dependent. An evacuated command-sponsored dependent and an evacuated dependent student are authorized a safe haven evacuation allowance computed using the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method for each day they are in an evacuation status. ***An AEA described in Ch 4, Part C, does not apply to an evacuation.*** The 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method consists of a lodging allowance ceiling and an M&IE allowance. For an explanation of the expense items the safe haven allowance is intended to cover, see APP A PER DIEM definition and Ch 4, Part B. The maximum lodging reimbursement for a dependent family is the actual total daily lodging cost the family incurs, NTE the sum of the daily lodging portion of the locality per diem rate authorized for each dependent there. In general, the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method described in Ch 4, Part B, applies to an evacuated command-sponsored dependent and a dependent student. ***If an evacuated dependent stays with friends or relatives while at a safe haven, no cost for lodging is allowed, whether or not any payment for lodging is made to the friend or relative.*** This restriction does not apply when the dependent leases a house, apartment (i.e., lodgings) from a friend or relative with a bona fide, standard written lease, in those instances when the friend or relative concerned does not jointly occupy the leased house or apartment. Each evacuated command-sponsored dependent and dependent student is authorized the safe haven evacuation allowance M&IE portion even if not authorized the safe haven evacuation allowance lodging portion for any given day. See the computations in par. U6005-G. ***GOV'T dining facility/mess or open mess availability/use has no effect on safe haven evacuation allowances for a dependent even though the dependent may or does use such facilities without charge.*** A safe haven evacuation allowance payable under par. U6005 may be paid in advance as in par. U6013-A.

2. Authorization Termination

a. Authorization for safe haven evacuation allowances may:

- (1) Be terminated by the Secretarial Process on an individual basis when a member's/dependent(s)' situation does not warrant additional reimbursement assistance; or
- (2) Terminate sooner for other reasons.

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b. If not terminated under par. U6005-B2a above, safe haven evacuation allowances authorized in par. U6005 terminate on the date the member detaches/departs from the PDS from which the dependent's evacuation was authorized/ordered except when the:

(1) Authorization for evacuation safe haven evacuation allowances is extended by an Evacuation Allowance Determination issued by the PDTATAC; or

(2) Member dies (see par. U6001-A).

c. Safe haven evacuation allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the earliest of the:

(1) 180-consecutive-day period unless extended by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DoD Service member's dependent;

(2) Date dependents depart the safe haven for the PDS or DESIGNATED PLACE (or convert the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE); or

(3) Expiration date established by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DoD Service member's dependent.

3. Unexpired Lease. A dependent should avoid signing a long-term lease and a lease without a military clause while at a safe haven and/or a DESIGNATED PLACE. However, many short-term leases and leases with military clauses require at least 30 days termination notice. If a dependent signs a lease for lodging at the safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE and is then authorized to return to the PDS or move to a DESIGNATED PLACE, reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the unexpired lease period up to 30 days may be authorized. The amount reimbursed may not exceed the amount the evacuated dependent would have received for the safe haven evacuation allowance lodging portion for the unexpired period.

C. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances while Traveling. While traveling from:

1. The place at which a dependent receives evacuation notification incident to travel to a member's PDS under par. U6004-D or U6005-F to a safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE;

2. A member's OCONUS PDS to a safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE;

3. One safe haven to another safe haven;

4. A safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE, or;

5. A safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE to return to member's OCONUS PDS; the safe haven evacuation allowance payable to a command-sponsored dependent and a student dependent in an evacuation status:

a. Age 12 or older is equal to that payable to a member traveling on TDY;

b. Under age 12 is NTE one half of the amount payable to a member traveling on TDY.

D. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances while at Safe Haven

1. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances Payable. A command-sponsored dependent, and a dependent student in an evacuation status, is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances for 30 consecutive days beginning on the dependent's initial safe haven arrival date. A dependent student in evacuation status who joins the evacuated command-sponsored dependent at the safe haven is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances for any of those 30 days the command-sponsored dependent is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances. The safe haven evacuation allowance is computed as shown in the par. U6005-G examples, in an amount NTE the locality per diem rate for the area concerned. A dependent age 12 and older is authorized the full safe haven evacuation allowance amount, while a dependent under age 12 is authorized a safe haven evacuation allowance NTE 50% of the locality per diem rate for the area concerned.

The safe haven evacuation allowance rate is increased for a dependent reaching age 12 while located at a safe haven beginning on the twelfth birthday. After the 30-consecutive-day period expires, and unless otherwise authorized/approved in a determination issued by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent and/or the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD Service member's dependent, the safe haven evacuation allowance rate is computed for NTE 150 consecutive additional days (unless extended for time and/or per diem rate percentage by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD Service member's dependent under par. U6005-B2) at:

- a. 60% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent age 12 and older, and
- b. 30% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent under age 12.

A situation may arise in which the reduced safe haven evacuation allowance does not cover the additional costs involved in maintaining specific dependent(s) at the safe haven (i.e., the additional expenses for lodging, meals and IE exceed the reduced rate amount). The specific dependent(s) receiving the safe haven evacuation allowances, or the individual receiving the safe haven evacuation allowances on the dependent(s)' behalf, may forward a request through the paying disbursing or finance office to the PDTATAC Chief, requesting an increased safe haven evacuation allowance rate. Requests must contain the actual daily cost figures for lodging, meals and IE. The finance or disbursing office should add any pertinent information concerning the request, make appropriate recommendations, and forward the request to PDTATAC. The request should be mailed to:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
ATTN: Evacuation Allowances
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546,

Sent via message to: SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//DTMO//,

Sent via facsimile to: PDTATAC at COML 703/696-7890, DSN 312/426-7890

Or e-mailed to pdtatac-tt@dtmo.pentagon.mil

If the request is granted, PDTATAC issues an Evacuation Allowance Determination specifying the authorized/approved safe haven evacuation allowance amount. The Evacuation Allowance Determination, or request disapproval, is sent directly to the dependent concerned, with a copy to the finance or disbursing office. PDTATAC provides copies of all requests and approvals/disapprovals to the applicable Service representative.

2. Safe Haven Evacuation allowances when Movement to Another Safe Haven Is Directed or Authorized.

Competent authority may direct the movement of a command-sponsored dependent and/or a dependent student between safe havens. Safe haven evacuation allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to the dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven evacuation allowances may not be authorized for any period beyond that authorized in par. U6005-D1.

When a dependent is directed to move between safe havens (e.g., from one OCONUS safe haven to another OCONUS safe haven or to a CONUS safe haven), safe haven evacuation allowances as in par. U6005-D1 for NTE 180 consecutive days begin again on the new safe haven arrival date. If at the dependent's or member's request a dependent is authorized to travel between:

- a. Safe havens (e.g., from CONUS safe haven to safe haven in Japan), or
- b. Locations within the same safe haven (e.g., from Chicago to Baltimore),

the 180-consecutive-day period begun at the first safe haven continues in effect but the locality per diem rate applicable to the new location begins on the arrival date at that location. If travel to the new location is not completed within one day, safe haven evacuation allowances for the travel day(s) are paid under par. U6005-C (except for the arrival day at the new safe haven).

3. Return to Member's PDS Authorized. When a PDS's evacuation status is terminated and competent authority authorizes a command-sponsored dependent to return, safe haven evacuation allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to a dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven evacuation allowances may not be authorized beyond the period authorized in par. U6005-D1.

- a. The maximum 180-consecutive-day period authorized in par. U6005-D1,
- b. The date the dependent departs the safe haven for the DESIGNATED PLACE (or converts the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE), or
- c. The expiration date, even if in excess of 180 consecutive days, established by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DoD Service member's dependent.

4. Safe Haven Evacuation allowances - Termination when an Evacuated Dependent Is Directed to Move to a DESIGNATED PLACE. A command-sponsored dependent at a safe haven is expected to comply promptly with the requirement to select a DESIGNATED PLACE and move thereto if the dependent selects other than the safe haven location as the DESIGNATED PLACE. The requirement to select a DESIGNATED PLACE is issued by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD Service member's dependent. The requirement directing the relocation to a DESIGNATED PLACE must specify the date on which safe haven evacuation allowances terminate for a dependent ordered to relocate from the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the period authorized in par. U6005-B2.

5. A Command-sponsored Dependent Is Temporarily Absent from the Member's PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized or Ordered. A command-sponsored dependent who has established a residence at/in the member's OCONUS PDS vicinity who is temporarily absent from the PDS for any reason (to include a dependent student attending an OCONUS dormitory school away from the member's PDS) when the evacuation is authorized/ordered, is at a safe haven thereat and is authorized the safe haven evacuation allowances for the place at which located beginning on the date return travel to the PDS would have begun had return not been prevented by the evacuation. Competent authority must determine this date from information secured from the dependent or the member, but the date must not be earlier than the date the evacuation from the PDS actually began.

6. A Dependent Student Attending School in the U.S. when an Evacuation Is Authorized/Ordered. When a member, whose PDS has been evacuated, has a dependent student attending school in the U.S. for whom the member is authorized transportation allowances under par. U5260-D, the safe haven location displaces the member's PDS as the dependent student's authorized travel destination. The dependent student is authorized the safe haven evacuation allowances under Ch 6, Part A, for the dependent student who has joined other family members at the safe haven or, being the member's only dependent, is the member's only dependent at the safe haven. See par. U6004-D2. Evacuation allowances are authorized beginning on the date the dependent student would have joined the member OCONUS had it not been for the evacuation. Unless the authorization terminates sooner for other reasons under this Part, authorized allowances continue until the dependent student:

- a. Would have otherwise returned under par. U5260-D from the member's PDS,
- b. Departs the safe haven to return to school to resume class attendance there, or
- c. Starts attending classes at school,

whichever occurs earliest.

7. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances when Away from Safe Haven. Safe haven evacuation allowances continue for a command-sponsored dependent at a safe haven location, and a dependent student at the safe haven location under par. U6005-D6, who is absent from the safe haven for personal reasons, during such absences provided the:

- a. Dependent does not join the member to establish a residence (or occupy the old residence) at the PDS, and
- b. Dependent student (at the safe haven under par. U6005-D6) does not depart the safe haven to return to school to resume class attendance there.

Any excess transportation costs are the dependent's financial responsibility. The locality per diem rate used for safe haven allowances and the payment period while the dependent is away from the safe haven location is the same as though the dependent had remained at the safe haven location during the entire period. If the dependent does not go to the authorized safe haven but goes somewhere else instead without authorization/approval, use the Standard CONUS per diem rate, even OCONUS. Transportation costs are limited to the cost to the authorized safe haven location. If the dependent ultimately goes to the authorized safe haven location or if the location to which the dependent travels is later approved as an authorized safe haven, then the safe haven locality rate is used for the entire time, rather than the Standard CONUS per diem rate.

E. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances while at a DESIGNATED PLACE. When a command-sponsored dependent or a dependent student selects a DESIGNATED PLACE and moves there, or converts the safe haven location to a DESIGNATED PLACE, the dependent must establish a permanent residence there as soon as practicable. Safe haven evacuation allowances are authorized to offset lodgings, M&IE while locating and establishing such residence. While at a DESIGNATED PLACE, a dependent who:

1. Moves to a DESIGNATED PLACE is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances as in par. U6005-D.
2. Converts the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE, or a dependent student who converted the school location to a DESIGNATED PLACE, is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances as in par. U6005-D, except for a dependent receiving a reduced safe haven evacuation allowance IAW par. U6005-D1. A dependent continues receiving a reduced safe haven evacuation allowance while looking for a permanent residence.

Safe haven evacuation allowance begins on the dependent's initial arrival date at the DESIGNATED PLACE or the date their safe haven is converted to a DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies the permanent residence or at 2400 on the 30th day, whichever is earlier. When unusual or emergency circumstances prevent permanent residence establishment, the SECDEF, Secretary Concerned, or a Secretary's designated representative may authorize/approve an additional safe haven evacuation allowance period as warranted, but safe haven evacuation allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies a permanent residence. Determine safe haven evacuation allowances at the DESIGNATED PLACE as in par. U6005-D for a safe haven. The Secretarial Process may approve safe haven evacuation allowance rates higher (i.e., higher percentages) than those prescribed for periods after 30 days, on a case-by-case basis, when justified by costs for lodging, M&IE.

F. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances when a Dependent Is En Route to a Member's OCONUS PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized/Ordered. When a member's OCONUS PDS is authorized/ordered evacuated, a dependent:

1. With a port call for travel to the member's PDS or with official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally-procured transportation subject to reimbursement by the GOV'T (i.e., it was not intended to issue a port call for that dependent's travel);
2. Who has already disestablished the former permanent residence and has moved to temporary accommodations in preparation for performing such travel, and who has been notified of the evacuation; and
3. Who has been requested to remain at the place at which located when notified, pending notification to continue to the member's PDS or to travel to a safe haven or to a DESIGNATED PLACE;

is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances based on the locality [per diem rate](#) for the area concerned, computed as shown in par. U6005-G. The safe haven evacuation allowance period begins at 0001 on the date the dependent receives official notification of port call withdrawal or suspension, or official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally-procured transportation. The safe haven evacuation allowance continues until 2400 on the date that the dependent receives notification to resume travel or to begin travel to a DESIGNATED PLACE. If travel to the member's PDS is then authorized, no safe haven evacuation allowances incident to such travel are authorized under Ch 6, Part A. If travel to a DESIGNATED PLACE is authorized, pars. U6005-C and U6005-D apply.

***G. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowance Computations.** The following examples illustrate the method used for computing safe haven evacuation allowances:

NOTES:

1. The locality [per diem rates](#) and [mileage allowances](#) used in the following example(s) are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current allowances.
2. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area are separately reimbursable travel expenses in addition to safe haven evacuation allowances.
3. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in a foreign OCONUS area is not separately reimbursable. It is part of the per diem rate used in safe haven evacuation allowance computation. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.
4. OCONUS locality rates include an amount for laundry/dry cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. CONUS locality per diem rates do not include an amount for laundry/dry cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. There is no authority to reimburse laundry/dry cleaning expenses while at a CONUS safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE.

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A member's spouse, one child age 12 and one child under age 12 were evacuated from an OCONUS PDS, at which they were command-sponsored, to a CONUS safe haven. The daily actual lodging cost incurred at the safe haven by the three dependents, who shared one room, was \$70 plus \$5.60 for lodging tax (8%). The maximum locality per diem rate was \$127 (\$66/ \$61).

(a) Determine the maximum daily amount for the first 30 days that may be paid to the member's three dependents as follows. See par. U6005-D1:

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized a safe haven evacuation allowance NTE the full locality per diem rate (\$127), which in this case is \$61 for M&IE and NTE \$66 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized a safe haven evacuation allowance NTE 50% of the locality per diem rate.

	M&IE	Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:	\$61.00	\$66	\$127.00
Child (age 12 or older)	\$61.00	\$66	\$127.00
Child (under age 12)	\$30.50 (\$61.00 x 50%)	\$33 (\$66 x 50%)	\$63.50
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents' costs:	\$152.50	\$165	\$317.50

(b) Determine the actual total daily amount paid for the first 30 days, within the maximum amounts shown in (a), (\$152.50 for M&IE and NTE \$165 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	\$152.50 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the three dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	\$70 (This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the three dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the maximum (\$165) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Daily Amount:	\$222.50 (Daily amount that is payable to dependents (within the maximum \$317.50 established in (a) for the three dependents' costs incurred for the first 30 days)
Lodging Tax:	\$5.60
Total:	\$228.10 (Actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid to dependents for the three dependents' costs incurred for first 30 days)

(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven evacuation allowance is computed at 60% (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30% (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality [per diem rate](#), unless otherwise authorized under par. U6005-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid starting on the 31st day to the 180th day for the member's three dependents in this example as follows:

	M&IE	Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:	\$36.60 (\$61 x 60%)	\$39.60 (\$66 x 60%)	\$76.20
Child (over age 12 or older)	\$36.60 (\$61 x 60%)	\$39.60 (\$66 x 60%)	\$76.20
Child (under age 12)	\$18.30 (\$61 x 30%)	\$19.80 (\$66 x 30%)	\$38.10
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents' costs:	\$91.50	\$99	\$190.50

(d) Determine the actual total daily amount for payment for the 31st to the 180th days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$91.50 for M&IE and NTE \$99 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	\$91.50 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the three dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	\$70 (This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) paid for lodging by the three dependents, which is less than the maximum (\$99) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Daily Amount:	\$161.50 (Daily amount that is payable to dependents (within the maximum \$198.50 established in (c) for costs incurred by the three dependents on 31 st to 180 th days)
Lodging Tax:	\$5.60
Total:	\$167.10 (The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the three dependents' costs on the 31 st to the 180 th days)

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A member's spouse, two children over age 12 and one child under age 12 were evacuated from a member's OCONUS PDS, at which they were in a command-sponsored status, to a safe haven in a foreign area. The actual daily lodging cost at the safe haven location for one room shared by the spouse and child under age 12 was \$52 (including lodging tax). The actual daily lodging cost for the room shared by the two children over age 12 was also \$52 (including lodging tax). Max locality per diem rate for the safe haven location was \$84 (\$44/ \$40).

(a) Determine the maximum daily amount for the first 30 days that may be paid to member's four dependents as follows (see par. U6005-D1):

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances up to the full rate (\$84), which in this case is \$40 for M&IE and up to \$44 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances up to 50 percent of the rate.

	M&IE	Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:	\$40	\$44	\$84
Child (over age 12)	\$40	\$44	\$84
Child (under age 12)	\$40	\$44	\$84
Child (under age 12):	20 (\$40 x 50%)	\$22 (\$44 x 50%)	\$42
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dependents' costs:	\$140	\$154	\$294

(b) Determine the actual daily amount that is paid for the first 30 days, within the maximum amount shown in (a). (\$140 for M&IE and \$154 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	\$140 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and dry cleaning for the four dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	\$104 (This is the actual daily amount (\$52 + \$52) (including lodging tax) paid for lodging by the four dependents, which is less than the maximum (\$154) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Total:	\$244 (The actual daily amount paid to dependents for costs incurred by the four dependents for first 30 days)

(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven allowances are computed at 60 percent (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30 percent (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate, unless otherwise authorized under par. U6005-D1. The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's four dependents in this example starting on the 31st day to the 180th day is determined as follows:

	M&IE	Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:	\$24 (\$40 x 60%)	\$26.40 (\$44 x 60%)	\$50.40
Child (over age 12)	\$24 (\$40 x 60%)	\$26.40 (\$44 x 60%)	\$50.40
Child (under age 12)	\$24 (\$40 x 60%)	\$26.40 (\$44 x 60%)	\$50.40
Child (under age 12)	\$12 (\$40 x 30%)	\$13.20 (\$44 x 30%)	\$25.20
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dependents' costs:	\$84	\$92.40	\$176.40

(d) Determine the actual total daily amount that is paid for the 31st to the 180th days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$84 for M&IE and up to \$92.40 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	\$84 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and cleaning for the four dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	\$92.40 (The actual daily cost for lodging for the four dependents is \$104 but the maximum that may be reimbursed is \$92.40. A lodging receipt is required for the actual lodging cost.) (See NOTE .)
Total:	\$176.40 (The actual daily amount paid for the four dependents on the 31 st to the 180 th days)

NOTE: Since the amount (\$92.40) reimbursed for the dependents' lodging costs is less than the actual amount the dependents paid (\$104), a request may be submitted through the paying office to the PDTATAC for approval of an increase to the maximum lodging allowance for the member's spouse from \$26.40 to \$38. If approval is received, an additional \$11.60 per day is payable to cover the lodging costs.

***EXAMPLE 3**

A member, his spouse and one child over age 12 were in a CONUS location on authorized leave (COT or FEML) from 25 July to 15 August when a dependent evacuation was ordered effective 1 August from the member's PDS at which the dependents reside in a command-sponsored status. The member contacted the command at the OCONUS PDS and was directed to return. The member departed the leave point on 3 August. As in par. U6005-D5, the dependent was determined to already be at a safe haven and authorized safe haven evacuation allowances for the place at which located beginning on the date return travel to the member's PDS would have begun had the evacuation not prevented the return. Since the dependent was scheduled to begin travel to the member's PDS on 16 August, the dependent was authorized safe haven evacuation allowances under par. U6005-D1 beginning on that date. The member's spouse and child stayed in the spouse's parents' home. The maximum locality [per diem rate](#) for the CONUS location at that time was \$192 (136/ \$56).

(a) The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's two dependents' costs for the first 30 days is determined as follows (see par. U6005-D1):

Each dependent age 12 years or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full per diem rate (\$192), which in this case is \$56 for M&IE and NTE \$136 for lodging.

	M&IE	Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:	\$56	\$136	\$192
Child (over age 12)	\$56	\$136	\$192
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dependents' costs:	\$112	\$272	\$384

(b) The actual total daily amount, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) (\$112 for M&IE and NTE \$272 for lodging), that may be paid for first 30 days is determined as follows:

M&IE:	\$112 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the two dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	\$0 (No lodging allowance is paid when a dependent stays with a friend or relative (par. U6005-B1)).
Total:	\$112 (Actual daily amount paid to dependents for two dependents' costs for first 30 days)

(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven evacuation allowances are computed at 60% (for a dependent age 12 or older) of the applicable locality [per diem rate](#) unless otherwise authorized under par. U6005-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's two dependents in this example starting on the 31st day to the 180th day as follows:

	M&IE	Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:	\$33.60 (\$56 x 60%)	\$81.60 (\$136 x 60%)	\$115.20
Child (over age 12)	\$33.60 (\$56 x 60%)	\$81.60 (\$136 x 60%)	\$115.20
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dependents' costs:	\$67.20	\$163.20	\$230.40

(d) Determine the actual total daily amount that is paid for the 31st to the 180th days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$67.20 for M&IE and NTE \$163.20 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	\$67.20 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the two dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	\$0 (No lodging allowance is paid when dependents stay with friends or relatives (par. U6005-B1)).
Total:	\$67.20 (The actual daily amount paid for the two dependents' costs on the 31 st to the 180 th days)

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A member's spouse, one child age 14 and one child age 9 were evacuated from a member's foreign area PDS, where they were command-sponsored, to their CONUS DESIGNATED PLACE.

<u>Depart (14 Aug)</u>	<u>Arrive (14 Aug)</u>	<u>Overnight Lodging</u>	<u>Depart (15 Aug)</u>	<u>Arrive (15 Aug)</u>
OCONUS PDS	POE CONUS	CONUS arrival point. Incurred a lodging cost of \$75 plus \$9 lodging tax (12%)	CONUS arrival point	DESIGNATED PLACE

The dependents shared a hotel room at the DESIGNATED PLACE and incurred a lodging cost of \$150 plus \$18.75 lodging tax (12.5%) per day until they moved into their permanent residence on 10 September. The dependents are authorized safe haven evacuation allowances while traveling to, and while at, the DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances at the DESIGNATED PLACE begin on the arrival date at that place (15 August) and continue to 2400 on the day they occupied the permanent residence. See par. U6005-E. The maximum locality rate at the arrival point at the time of travel was \$139 (\$78/ \$61). The maximum locality rate at the DESIGNATED PLACE was \$207 (\$141/ \$66).

(a) The maximum safe haven evacuation allowances that may be paid for the member's three dependents for 14 August while they traveled to the DESIGNATED PLACE and while they remained overnight at the arrival point (par. U6005-E):

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full rate (\$139), which in this case is \$61 for M&IE and NTE \$78 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE 50% of the full rate.

	M&IE	Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:	\$61.00	\$78	\$139.00
Child (age 14)	\$61.00	\$78	\$139.00
Child (age 9):	\$30.50 (\$61.00 x 50%)	\$39 (\$78 x 50%)	\$69.50
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents' costs:	\$152.50	\$195	\$347.50

(b) Computing safe haven evacuation allowances, as for a member's TDY, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) (\$152.50 for M&IE and NTE \$195 for lodging) for payment for the travel period to the DESIGNATED PLACE via the CONUS arrival point on 14 August.

The dependents are authorized 75% of the M&IE for travel on 14 August (\$152.50 x 75% = \$114.38).

M&IE:	\$114.38 (The M&IE in this amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the three dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	\$75 (This is the actual amount (not including lodging tax the three dependents paid for lodging at the arrival point, which is less than the maximum (\$195) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Lodging Tax:	\$9
Total:	\$198.38 (The actual amount (including lodging tax) paid to dependents for the three dependents' costs on 14 August.)

(c) Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid to the member's three dependents beginning on the arrival day at the DESIGNATED PLACE through the day the permanent residence was occupied as follows. See par. U6005-E:

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full rate (\$207), which in this case is \$66 for M&IE and NTE \$141 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE 50% of the full rate.

	M&IE	Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:	\$66	\$141	\$207
Child (age 14)	\$66	\$141	\$207
Child (age 9):	\$33 (\$66 x 50%)	\$70.50 (\$141 x 50%)	\$103.50
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents' costs:	\$165	\$352.50	\$517.50

(d) The actual total daily amount, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$165 for M&IE and NTE \$352.50 for lodging), that may be paid for 27 days (15 August to 10 September) is determined as follows:

M&IE:	\$165 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the three dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	\$150 (This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the three dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the maximum (\$352.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Daily amount:	\$315 (The daily amount that is payable to dependents within the maximum \$352.50 established in (c) for the three dependents' costs for 27 days)
Lodging Tax:	\$18.75
Total:	\$333.75 (The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid to dependents for the three dependents' costs while at the DESIGNATED PLACE for 27 days (27 days x \$333.75/day = \$9,011.25)).

***U6006 LOCAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE IN AND AROUND THE SAFE HAVEN AND THE DESIGNATED PLACE**

A. Purpose. A local travel allowance is intended to partially offset the expenses an evacuated dependent incurs for required local travel.

B. When Payable. A local travel allowance is:

1. Authorized to be paid when a dependent is receiving safe haven evacuation allowances and has not taken delivery of a POV transported to the DESIGNATED PLACE under par. U6008.
2. Paid at a rate of \$25/day/family group, regardless of the number of dependents, and no receipts are required.

C. When Not Payable. *An allowance under par. U6006 may not be paid for days reimbursement is received under par. U6008-D for expenses incurred to rent a motor vehicle.*

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SECTION 3: SAFE HAVEN ALLOWANCE**U6054 SAFE HAVEN ALLOWANCE**

A. Purpose. A safe haven allowance is provided to assist a dependent in meeting the excess costs involved in temporarily maintaining a place away from the PDS. Each dependent listed in par. U6050-A, including a dependent who turned 21 while at the safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE, are authorized safe haven evacuation allowances.

NOTE:

1. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a separately reimbursable miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to lodging reimbursement.

2. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in foreign areas is not separately reimbursable. It is part of the per diem rate(s) used to compute the safe haven evacuation allowances. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.

B. General

1. 'Lodgings-Plus' Computation Method Applicability to an Evacuated Dependent. An evacuated dependent is authorized a safe haven allowance computed under the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method for each day the dependent is in an evacuation status. ***An AEA described in Ch 4, Part C, does not apply to an evacuation.*** The 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method consists of a lodging allowance ceiling and an M&IE allowance. For an explanation of the expense items the safe haven allowance is intended to cover, see APP A PER DIEM definition and Ch 4, Part B. The maximum lodging reimbursement for a dependent family is the actual total daily lodging the family incurs, NTE the sum of the daily lodging portion of the evacuation allowance authorized for each dependent concerned. Because such an evacuated dependent may stay with a friend or relative while at a safe haven, par. U4129-E applies. ***That is, if an evacuated dependent stays with a friend or relative while at a safe haven, no lodging cost is allowed, whether or not any lodging payment is made to the friend or relative.*** This restriction does not apply when the dependent leases a house, apartment (i.e., lodgings) from a friend or relative with a bona fide, standard written lease, in those instances when the friend or relative concerned does not jointly occupy the leased house or apartment. Each evacuated dependent is authorized the M&IE portion of the safe haven allowance even if not authorized the lodging portion of the safe haven allowance for any given day. See computations in par. U6054-G. ***GOV'T dining facility/mess or open mess availability/use has no effect on safe haven evacuation allowances even though the dependent may or does use such facilities without charge.*** Safe haven evacuation allowances payable under par. U6054 may be paid in advance as in par. U6060-A.

2. Authorization Termination

a. Authorization for safe haven evacuation allowances may:

(1) Be terminated by the Secretarial Process on an individual basis when a member's/dependent(s)' situation does not warrant additional reimbursement assistance; or,

(2) Terminate sooner for other reasons.

b. If not terminated under par. U6054-B2a(1) or U6054-B2b(2), above, safe haven evacuation allowances, authorized in par. U6054-B, terminate on the date the member detaches/departs from the PDS from which the dependent's evacuation was authorized/ordered except when the:

(1) Authorization for evacuation safe haven evacuation allowances is extended by the Secretarial Process; or,

(2) Member dies. See par. U6050-A.

c. Safe haven evacuation allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the earliest of the:

(1) 180-consecutive-day period unless extended by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DoD Service member's dependent;

(2) Date the dependent departs the safe haven for the PDS or DESIGNATED PLACE (or converts the safe haven to the DESIGNATED PLACE); or

(3) Expiration date established by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DoD Service member's dependent.

3. Unexpired Lease. A dependent should avoid signing a long-term lease and a lease without a military clause while at a safe haven and/or a DESIGNATED PLACE. However, many short-term leases and leases with military clauses require at least 30 days termination notice. If a dependent signs a lease for lodging at the safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE and is then authorized to return to the PDS or move to a DESIGNATED PLACE, reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the unexpired lease period up to 30 days may be authorized. The amount reimbursed may not exceed the amount the evacuated dependent would have received for the lodging portion of the safe haven evacuation allowances for the unexpired period.

C. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances while Traveling. While traveling:

1. From:

a. The place a dependent, while traveling to a member's PDS, receives notification of the evacuation under par. U6054-D or par. U6054-F to a safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE;

b. A member's CONUS PDS to a safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE;

c. One safe haven to another safe haven;

d. A safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE, or;

e. A safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE to return to member's CONUS PDS;

2. The safe haven allowance payable, IAW par. U6054-C1, to a dependent in an evacuation status:

a. Age 12 or older is equal to that payable to a member traveling on TDY;

b. Under age 12 is NTE one half of the amount payable to a member traveling on TDY.

D. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances while at Safe Haven

1. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances Payable. A safe haven evacuation allowance rate is based on the locality per diem rate for the safe haven location. A dependent in an evacuation status, incident to an authorized/ordered evacuation or limited evacuation, is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances for 30 consecutive days beginning on the dependent's initial safe haven arrival date. The safe haven evacuation allowance is computed as shown in examples in par. U6054-G, in an amount NTE the locality per diem rate for the area concerned. A dependent age 12 and older is authorized NTE the full safe haven evacuation allowance amount, while a dependent under age 12 is authorized NTE 50% of the locality per diem rate for the area concerned. The safe haven evacuation allowance rate is increased for a dependent reaching age 12 while located at a safe haven beginning on the twelfth birthday. After the 30-consecutive-day period expires, and unless otherwise authorized/approved in a determination issued by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and/or the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD member's dependent, the safe haven evacuation allowance rate is computed for NTE 150 consecutive additional days (unless extended for time and/or safe haven evacuation allowance rate percentage by the USD (P&R) for a DoD member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD member's dependent under par. U6052-D) at:

- a. 60% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent age 12 and older; and
- b. 30% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent under age 12.

A situation may arise in which the reduced safe haven evacuation allowance does not cover the additional cost involved in maintaining a specific dependent at a safe haven (i.e., the additional expense for lodging and M&IE exceed the reduced rate amount). The specific dependent receiving the safe haven evacuation allowances, or the individual receiving the safe haven evacuation allowances on the dependent's behalf, on a case-by-case basis may forward a request for approval through the Secretarial Process requesting an increased safe haven evacuation allowances rate.

2. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances when Movement Is Directed or Authorized to Another Safe Haven. Competent authority (see par. U6052) may direct a dependent to move between safe havens. Safe haven evacuation allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to the dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven evacuation allowances may not be authorized for any period beyond that authorized in par. U6054-D1. A dependent, who is directed to move between safe havens (e.g., from one OCONUS safe haven or to another OCONUS safe haven or to a CONUS safe haven) receives safe haven evacuation allowances in par. U6054-D1 for NTE 180 consecutive days begin again on the arrival date at the new safe haven. If at the dependent's or member's request, a dependent is authorized to travel between:

- (a) Safe havens (e.g., from a CONUS safe haven to a safe haven in Puerto Rico), or
- (b) Locations within the same safe haven (e.g., within CONUS from Chicago to Baltimore),

the 180-consecutive-day period begun at the first safe haven continues in effect but the locality rate applicable to the new location begins on the arrival date at that location. If travel to the new location is not completed within one day, safe haven evacuation allowances for the travel day(s) is paid under par. U6054-C except for the arrival day at the new safe haven.

3. Return to the Member's PDS Authorized. When the evacuation status is terminated and competent authority authorizes a dependent to return, safe haven evacuation allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to a dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven evacuation allowances may not be authorized beyond the period authorized in par. U6054-D1.

4. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances - Termination when an Evacuated Dependent Is Directed to Move to a DESIGNATED PLACE. A dependent at a safe haven is expected to comply promptly with the requirement to select a DESIGNATED PLACE and move thereto, if the dependent selects other than the safe haven location as the DESIGNATED PLACE. The requirement to select a DESIGNATED PLACE is issued by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD Service member's dependent. The requirement to relocate to a DESIGNATED PLACE must specify the date on which safe haven evacuation allowances terminate for a dependent directed to relocate from the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the period authorized in par. U6054-B2.

5. A Dependent Is Temporarily Absent from the Member's PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized/Ordered. A dependent who has established a residence at/in the member's CONUS PDS vicinity who is temporarily absent from the PDS for any reason when the evacuation is authorized/ordered, is at a safe haven. Safe haven evacuation allowances for the dependent's location are authorized beginning on the date return travel to the PDS would have begun had return not been prevented by the evacuation. Competent authority must determine this date from information secured from the dependent and/or the member, but the date must not be earlier than the date the evacuation from the PDS actually began.

6. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances when Away from the Safe Haven. Safe haven evacuation allowances continue for a dependent at a safe-haven location under par. U6054-D5, who is absent from the safe haven for personal reasons, is authorized a continuation of safe haven evacuation allowances during such absences provided the dependent does not join the member to establish a residence (or occupy the old residence) at the PDS. Any excess transportation costs are the dependent's financial responsibility. The locality rate used and payment period while the dependent is away from the safe haven location is the same as though the dependent had remained at the safe haven location during the entire period. If the dependent does not go to the authorized safe haven but goes somewhere else instead without authorization/approval, use the Standard CONUS per diem rate, even OCONUS. Transportation costs are limited to the cost to the authorized safe haven location. If the dependent ultimately goes to the authorized safe haven location or if the location to which the dependent travels is later approved as an authorized safe haven, then the safe haven evacuation allowance is based on the locality per diem rate which is used for the entire time, rather than the Standard CONUS per diem rate.

E. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances at a DESIGNATED PLACE. When a dependent selects a DESIGNATED PLACE and move there, or converts the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE, the dependent must establish a permanent residence there as soon as practicable. Safe haven evacuation allowances are authorized to offset lodgings and M&IE while locating and establishing such residence. While at a DESIGNATED PLACE, a dependent who:

1. Moves to a DESIGNATED PLACE is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances as in par. U6054-D.
2. Converts the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE, is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances as in par. U6054-D, except for a dependent receiving a reduced safe haven evacuation allowance IAW par. U6054-D1. A dependent continues receiving a reduced safe haven evacuation allowance while looking for a permanent residence.

Safe haven allowance begins on the dependent's initial arrival date at the DESIGNATED PLACE or the date the safe haven is converted to a DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies the permanent residence or at 2400 on the 30th consecutive day, whichever is earlier. When unusual or emergency circumstances prevent permanent residence establishment, the SECDEF, Secretary Concerned, or a Secretary's designated representative may authorize/approve an additional safe haven evacuation allowance period as warranted. The safe haven evacuation allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies a permanent residence. Determine safe haven evacuation allowances at the DESIGNATED PLACE using par. U6054-D. The Secretarial Process may approve rates higher than those prescribed for periods after 30 days, on a case-by-case basis, when justified by costs for lodging and M&IE.

F. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances for a Dependent En Route to a Member's CONUS PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized/ Ordered. When a member's CONUS PDS is authorized/ordered to be evacuated, an en route dependent:

1. With official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally procured transportation subject to GOV'T reimbursement,
2. Who has already disestablished the former permanent residence and has moved to temporary accommodations in preparation for performing such travel, and who has been notified of the evacuation, and
3. Who has been requested to remain at the place at which located when notified pending notification to continue to the member's PDS or to travel to another safe haven or to a DESIGNATED PLACE

is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances at the applicable [per diem rate](#) for the area concerned, computed as shown in par. U6054-G. The allowance period begins at 0001 on the date the dependent receives official notification of withdrawal or suspension of the official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally procured transportation. The allowance continues until 2400 on the date that the dependent receives notification to resume travel or to begin travel to a DESIGNATED PLACE. If travel to the member's PDS is then authorized, no safe haven evacuation allowances incident to such travel are authorized under Ch 6, Part A. If travel to a DESIGNATED PLACE is authorized, pars. U6054-C and U6054-E apply.

*G. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowance Computations. The following examples illustrate the method used for computing safe haven evacuation allowances:

NOTES:

1. *The locality [per diem rates/mileage allowances](#) used in the following example(s) are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current allowances.*
2. *Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable travel expense in addition to safe haven evacuation allowances.*
3. *Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in a foreign OCONUS area is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense. It is part of the per diem rate used in safe haven evacuation allowance computation. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.*
4. *OCONUS locality rates include an amount for laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. CONUS locality per diem rates do not include an amount for laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. There is no authority to reimburse laundry/dry cleaning expenses while at a CONUS safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE.*

*EXAMPLE 1					
A member's spouse, one child age 12 and one child under age 12 were evacuated from a CONUS PDS to a CONUS safe haven. The daily actual lodging cost incurred at the safe haven by the 3 dependents, who shared one room, was \$100 plus \$11.50 for lodging tax (11.5%). The applicable maximum locality rate was \$146 (\$90/ \$56).					
(a) The maximum daily amount that may be paid to the member's 3 dependents for the first 30 consecutive days is determined as follows (see par. U6054-D1):					
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full rate (\$146), which in this case is \$56 for M&IE and NTE \$90 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE 50% of the full rate.					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$56		\$90		\$146
Child (age 12 or older)	\$56		\$90		\$146
Child (under age 12)	\$28	\$56 x 50%	\$45	\$90 x 50%	\$73
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dep:	\$140		\$225		\$365
(b) Determine the actual total daily amount for each of the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) (\$140 for M&IE and NTE \$225 for lodging), as follows:					
M&IE:	\$140	The M&IE, in this daily amount, is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$100	This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the maximum (\$225) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Daily Amount:	\$240	Daily amount that is payable to the dependents within the maximum \$365/day established in (a) for the three dependents for each of the first 30 consecutive days.			
Lodging Tax:	\$11.50				
Total:	\$251.50	Actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the three dependents' costs incurred for first 30 consecutive days.			
(c) Beginning on the 31st day, the safe haven allowance is computed at 60% (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30% (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid starting on the 31st through the 180th consecutive days for the member's three dependents in this example as follows:					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$33.60	\$56 x 60%	\$54	\$90 x 60%	\$87.60
Child (age 12 or older)	\$33.60	\$56 x 60%	\$54	\$90 x 60%	\$87.60
Child (under age 12)	\$16.80	\$56 x 30%	\$27	\$90 x 30%	\$43.80
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dep:	\$84.00		\$135		\$219.00
(d) Determine the actual total daily amount paid for 31st to 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$84.00 for M&IE and NTE \$135 for lodging), as follows:					
M&IE:	\$84.00	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$100	This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) paid for lodging by the 3 dependents, which is less than the maximum (\$135) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Daily Amount:	\$184.00	The daily amount that is payable to dependents within the maximum \$219.00 established in (b) for costs incurred by the 3 dependents for the 31st to 180th consecutive days.			
Lodging Tax:	\$11.50				
Total:	\$195.50	The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for costs incurred by the 3 dependents on the 31st to the 180th consecutive day.			

EXAMPLE 2					
A member's spouse, 2 children over 12 and one child under 12 were evacuated from a member's CONUS PDS to a non-foreign OCONUS area safe haven. The actual daily lodging cost at the safe-haven location for one room shared by the spouse and child under 12 was \$110 plus \$9.90 for lodging tax (9%). The actual daily lodging cost for the room shared by the 2 children over 12 was also \$110 plus \$9.90 for lodging tax (9%). Maximum locality rate in for the safe-haven location was \$226 (\$155/ \$71).					
(a) Determine the maximum daily amount for the first 30 consecutive days that may be paid to member's 4 dependents as follows. See par. U6054-D1.					
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowance up to the full rate (\$226), which in this case is \$71 for M&IE and up to \$155 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances up to 50% of the rate.					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$71		\$155		\$226
Child (12 or older)	\$71		\$155		\$226
Child (12 or older)	\$71		\$155		\$226
Child (under 12)	\$35.50	\$71 x 50%	\$77.50	\$155 x 50%	\$113
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dep:	\$248.50		\$542.50		\$791
(b) Determine the actual daily amount that is paid for each of the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amount shown in (a) (\$248.50 for M&IE and NTE \$542.50 for lodging), as follows:					
M&IE:	\$248.50	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and dry-cleaning for the 4 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$220	The actual daily lodging cost for the 4 dependents (\$110 + \$110) (not including lodging tax), which is less than the max (\$542.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Daily Amount:	\$468.50	Daily amount paid to the dependents within the maximum \$791 established in (a) for the 4 dependents' costs for the first 30 consecutive days.			
Lodging Tax:	\$19.80	\$9.90 + \$9.90			
Total:	\$488.30	Actual daily amount paid to dependents (including lodging tax) for the 4 dependents' costs for first 30 days.			
(c) Beginning on the 31st consecutive day safe haven evacuation allowances are computed at 60% (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30% (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's 4 dependents in this example on the 31st through the 180th consecutive days is determined as follows:					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$42.60	\$71 x 60%	\$93	\$155 x 60%	\$135.60
Child (12 or older)	\$42.60	\$71 x 60%	\$93	\$155 x 60%	\$135.60
Child (12 or older)	\$42.60	\$71 x 60%	\$93	\$155 x 60%	\$135.60
Child (under 12)	\$21.30	\$71 x 30%	\$46.50	\$155 x 30%	\$67.80
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dep:	\$149.10		\$325.50		\$474.60
(d) Determine the actual total daily amount that is paid for 31st through 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$149.10 for M&IE and NTE \$325.50 for lodging), as follows:					
M&IE:	\$149.10	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and dry-cleaning for the 4 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$220	The actual daily lodging cost for 4 dependents (not including lodging tax) which is less than the max (\$325.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for the actual lodging cost.			
Daily Amount:	\$369.10	Daily amount paid to dependents within the maximum \$474.60 established in (c) for the 4 dependents' costs for the first 30 consecutive days.			
Lodging Tax:	\$19.80	\$9.90 + \$9.90			
Total:	\$388.90	Actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the 4 dependents' on the 31 st through the 180 th consecutive days.			

*EXAMPLE 3					
A member, spouse and one child over age 12 were in a CONUS location on authorized leave from 25 July to 15 August when a dependent evacuation was ordered effective 1 August from the member's PDS. The member contacted the organization at the CONUS PDS and was directed to return. The member departed the leave point on 3 August. As in par. U6054-D5, the dependents were determined to already be at a safe haven and are authorized safe haven evacuation allowances for the place at which they were located beginning on the date return travel to the member's PDS would have begun had the evacuation not prevented the return. Since the dependents were scheduled to begin travel to the member's PDS on 16 August, the dependents were authorized safe haven evacuation allowances under par. U6054-D1 beginning on that date. The member's spouse and child stayed in the spouse's parent's home. The locality rate for the CONUS location at that time was \$186 (\$130/\$56).					
(a) The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the first 30 consecutive days to the member's two dependents is determined as follows (see par. U6054-D1):					
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full locality rate which in this case is \$186 (\$130/ \$56).					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$56		\$130		\$186
Child (age 12 or older)	\$56		\$130		\$186
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dependents:	\$112		\$260		\$372
(b) The actual total daily amount that is paid for the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) (\$112 for M&IE and NTE \$260 for lodging), is determined as follows:					
M&IE:	\$112	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 2 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$0	No lodging allowance is paid when dependents stay with friends or relatives (par. U6054-B1).			
Total:	\$112	The actual daily amount paid to dependents the 2 dependents' costs for first 30 consecutive days.			
(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven evacuation allowances are computed at 60% (for a dependents age 12 or older) of the applicable locality rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid starting on the 31st to the 180th consecutive days for the member's 2 dependents in this example as follows:					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$33.60	\$56 x 60%	\$78	\$130 x 60%	\$111.60
Child (age 12 or older)	\$33.60	\$56 x 60%	\$78	\$130 x 60%	\$111.60
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dependents:	\$67.20		\$156.00		\$223.20
(d) The actual total daily amount that is paid for the 31st to 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$67.20 for M&IE and NTE \$156.00 for lodging), is determined as follows:					
M&IE:	\$67.20	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 2 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$0	No lodging allowance is paid when dependents stay with friends or relatives (par. U6054-B1).			
Total:	\$67.20	The actual daily amount paid for the 2 dependents' costs on 31 st to 180 th consecutive days.			

*EXAMPLE 4					
Member's spouse, one child age 14 and one child age 9 evacuated from member's CONUS PDS to a DESIGNATED PLACE.					
The travel itinerary was as follows: Departed the CONUS PDS on 14 August. Arrived at a CONUS location en route to the DESIGNATED PLACE on 14 August. Remained overnight at the CONUS location; incurred lodging cost of \$95 plus \$11.40 lodging tax (12%). Departed the CONUS location on 15 August. Arrived at the DESIGNATED PLACE on 15 August.					
The dependents shared a hotel room at the DESIGNATED PLACE and incurred a lodging cost of \$105 plus \$13.13 lodging tax (12.5%) per day until they moved into a permanent residence on 10 September. The dependents are authorized safe haven evacuation allowances while traveling to, and while at, the DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances at the DESIGNATED PLACE begin on the arrival date at that location (15 August) and continues to 2400 on the day they occupied the permanent residence. See par. U6054-E. The maximum locality rate at the CONUS location en route, at the time of travel was \$155 (\$99/ \$56). The maximum locality rate at the DESIGNATED PLACE was \$161 (\$110/ \$51).					
(a) The maximum safe haven evacuation allowances that may be paid for the member's 3 dependents for 14 August while they traveled to the DESIGNATED PLACE and while they remained overnight at the en route CONUS location (par. U6054-E):					
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full rate (\$148), which in this case is \$44 for M&IE and NTE \$99 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE 50% of the full rate.					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$56		\$99		\$155
Child (age 14)	\$56		\$99		\$155
Child (age 9)	\$28	\$56 x 50%	\$49.50	\$99 x 50%	\$77.504
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents:	\$140		\$247.50		\$387.50
(b) Computing safe haven evacuation allowances, as for a member's TDY, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) (\$105 for M&IE and NTE \$247.50 for lodging) for payment for the travel period to the DESIGNATED PLACE via the en route CONUS location on 14 August:					
The dependents are authorized 75% of the M&IE allowance for 14 August (\$140 x 75% = \$105).					
M&IE:	\$105	The M&IE in this amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$95	Actual amount (not incl lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging at the en route CONUS location, which is less than the reimbursable max (\$247.50). A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Lodging Tax:	\$11.40				
Total:	\$212.28	Actual amount (including lodging tax) paid to dependents for the 3 dependents' costs on 14 August.			
(c) Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid to the member's 3 dependents beginning on the arrival day at the designated place through the day the permanent residence was occupied as follows. See par. U6054-E:					
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full rate (\$161), which in this case is \$51 for M&IE and NTE \$110 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE 50% of the full rate.					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$51		\$110		\$161
Child (age 14)	\$51		\$110		\$161
Child (age 9)	\$25.50	\$51 x 50%	\$55	\$110 x 50%	\$80.50
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents:	\$127.50		\$275		\$402.50
(d) The actual total daily amount that is paid for 27 days (15 August to 10 September), within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$127.50 for M&IE and NTE \$275 for lodging), is determined as follows:					
M&IE:	\$127.50	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$105	The actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the max (\$275) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Daily Amount:	\$232.50	The daily amount that is payable to dependents within the maximum \$402.50 established in (c) for costs incurred by the 3 dependents for 27 days.			
Lodging Tax:	\$13.13				
Total:	\$245.63	The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the 3 dependents' costs while at the DESIGNATED PLACE for 27 days (27 days x \$245.63 = \$6,632.01).			

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**PART H1: LEAVE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION
EFFECTIVE FOR COT TRAVEL STARTED ON OR AFTER 19 APRIL 2002**

U7200 LEAVE BETWEEN CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOURS

A. Authorization. An eligible member, for personal travel, and on behalf of an eligible dependent, if any, is authorized the travel and transportation allowances in Ch 5, Parts B and C, respectively for COT leave travel between authorized locations. Transportation and expenses (i.e., ground transportation) between the member's PDS and the authorized air terminal may be reimbursed IAW *par. U3320, and Ch 3, Part E*. A member and dependent may travel together or independently. ***NOTE: No cruise or tour packages.***

1. Eligible Member. An eligible member is one stationed OCONUS who is ordered to:

- a. Consecutive tours of duty at the same (old) PDS (APP A IPCOT definition), or
- b. Make a PCS between OCONUS PDSs to serve the prescribed tour at the new PDS and either:
 - (1) One tour is unaccompanied, or
 - (2) Both tours are accompanied and the total time to be served at the PDSs at least equals the sum of the unaccompanied tour lengths for the PDSs ([DoDI 1315.18](#), Procedures for Military Personnel Assignments at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/131518p.pdf>).

NOTE 1: Refer to [DoDI 1315.18](#), par. E3.7.2.2 for the COT requirements for a DoD member assigned to Alaska or Hawai'i.

NOTE 2: When a member on a 12-month unaccompanied tour to a FEML area extends for a consecutive second 12-month tour, the member is only eligible for one funded leave transportation program, the COT or the FEML leave transportation program, but not both.

2. Eligible Dependent. An eligible dependent is one who:

- a. Is a dependent as defined in APP A (except a child described in item 8 of the definition) on the:
 - (1) Last day of the member's first tour at the old OCONUS PDS; or
 - (2) Member's PCS authorization/order effective date to the new OCONUS PDS; and
- b. Is command-sponsored for both tours;
- c. Is/was (in the case of deferred leave travel and evacuated dependent) located at or in the member's old OCONUS PDS vicinity; and
- d. Accompanies the member during both tours.

NOTE: COT leave travel and transportation allowances are authorized for a command-sponsored dependent born during a COT leave deferral period.

3. Authorized Locations. The authorized locations listed below are official travel locations, and therefore available contract city-pair airfares ***are authorized***.

- a. Travel between authorized locations is travel:

- (1) Between the old OCONUS PDS and an authorized destination, and return, if serving consecutive tours at the old PDS;
- (2) From the old to the new OCONUS PDSs via an authorized destination; or
- (3) Between the new OCONUS PDS and an authorized destination, and return, if deferred IAW par. U7200-B3.

b. An authorized destination is the member's HOR or an alternate authorized place to which transportation is no more expensive than to the HOR. *If transportation to the selected alternate place is more expensive than transportation to the HOR, the member is financially responsible for the additional cost unless transportation to the more expensive alternate place is authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process.* If the member travels to a more expensive alternate place (and the Secretarial Process has not authorized/approved travel to that destination), city-pair airfares are not authorized for transportation to/from that alternate place.

*Example 1	
Member's PDS is in an OCONUS location and HOR is in a CONUS Location A. There is no city-pair airfare between the OCONUS location and CONUS Location A.	
The POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A) between the OCONUS location and CONUS Location A (incorporating some city-pair airfare connections):	\$1,200
Member desires to utilize COT travel to CONUS Location B.	
City-pair airfare to/from CONUS Location B:	\$1,400
Least expensive POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE to/from CONUS Location B:	\$1,600
Since transportation to/from CONUS Location B, is more expensive than transportation to/from CONUS Location A, no city-pair airfares may be used to/from CONUS Location B.	
The member's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable.	
The member is <i>not responsible</i> for the additional \$200 cost if transportation to/from CONUS Location B is authorized/ approved by the Secretarial Process making the city-pair airfare to/from CONUS Location B available.	

*Example 2	
Member's PDS is in OCONUS Location and the HOR is CONUS Location A.	
Round trip city-pair airfare trip cost:	\$980
Member desires to utilize COT travel to/from CONUS Location B.	
Round trip city-pair airfare to/from CONUS Location B:	\$840
Since transportation to/from CONUS Location B is less expensive than transportation to/from the HOR in CONUS Location A, the member is authorized city-pair airfare to/from CONUS Location B (\$840) NTE the \$980 cost to HOR.	

- c. An eligible traveler (member and/or dependent) may return to the old PDS at GOV'T expense from an authorized destination to drive a POC to a new PDS.
- d. The Secretarial Process may authorize/approve travel and transportation allowances for a member who travels via a DESIGNATED PLACE IAW par. U5120-G.
- e. See pars. U5120-B, U5120-C (member), and U5218 (dependent) when an eligible traveler (member and/or dependent) is temporarily absent from the PDS and does not return before beginning COT leave travel. *COT leave must not be used as 'student dependent travel' (i.e., the student may not travel from the CONUS to the OCONUS PDS and return to the CONUS on COT leave allowance). Effective for any member in a deferred COT leave status on 2 December 2002 or any member who becomes authorized to a COT leave travel on or after 2 December 2002.*

B. Scheduling. COT leave travel should occur between the OCONUS tours, ICW PCS travel, if any.

1. Member's HOR in CONUS

a. PCS Travel through CONUS. A member whose HOR is in CONUS, and the member's dependent, who must travel through CONUS to get to the new PDS, may defer COT leave travel until after PCS travel is completed only if deferred COT leave travel is authorized/approved IAW Service regulations.

b. PCS Travel Not through CONUS. A member whose HOR is in CONUS, and the member's dependent, who does not travel through CONUS to get to the new PDS, may elect to defer COT leave travel until after PCS travel is completed. No Service authorization/approval is required.

2. Member's HOR OCONUS. The member may elect to defer COT leave travel.

*3. Deferred Travel. Unless deferred due to duty in a contingency operation, COT leave travel must be completed prior to the new tour completion, otherwise the COT leave travel expires. ***Under DoDI 1327.06, a service member who deferred COT travel because of duty ICW a contingency operation, is not authorized to take COT ICW any other leave program or travel allowance unless authorized/approved by the PDUSD (P&R), or IAW Service regulations for the non-DoD Services.***

Exception to Time Limit for Contingency Operation: If unable to travel before completing the new tour because of duty ICW a contingency operation, the member (and eligible dependent) may defer travel until not more than one year after the contingency operation duty ends. In this case, the member is still authorized leave travel from the new PDS (i.e., the PDS after departure from the OCONUS location from which deferred travel could not be taken) to an authorized location. The cost limitation for travel from this 'new' PDS and return is the cost from the PDS from which deferred travel could not be taken to the HOR and return.

C. Reimbursement

1. Member Procured Transportation

a. An eligible member, when directed to use available GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation for the transoceanic portion of COT leave travel, who procures transoceanic transportation at personal expense for personal travel, must not be reimbursed for the transoceanic travel. ***NOTE: The policy in par. U3002-B allowing reimbursement up to the directed mode cost does not apply.***

*Example 1	
<i>NOTE: Costs in this example are not actual costs and are used for illustration only.</i>	
Member's PDS is in a non-foreign OCONUS location, and the HOR is in a CONUS location.	
City-pair airfare one-way transoceanic trip cost:	\$775
Member elects not to use the CTO/TMC (in violation of policy and par. U1055) for COT leave travel from the PDS to the HOR.	
Traveler purchased a one-way transoceanic ticket:	\$500
<i>Transoceanic airfare reimbursement (\$500) is not authorized.</i>	

b. Reimbursement to a member on behalf of an eligible dependent who procures common carrier transportation at personal expense cannot exceed the GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation cost, as appropriate, for the official distance. See par. U5105-C. ***NOTE: Since CTO/TMC use is mandatory for all official travel, this should almost never occur.***

*Example 2	
NOTE: Costs in this example are not actual costs and are used for illustration only.	
Member's PDS is in a non-foreign OCONUS location and the HOR is in a CONUS location.	
GOV'T-procured transoceanic trip cost (one way):	\$1,900
An eligible dependent, not told to use the CTO/TMC for airfares elects not to use the CTO/TMC for COT leave travel from the PDS to the HOR.	
The dependent purchased a one-way transoceanic ticket:	\$2,300
The member, on the traveler's behalf, is reimbursed \$1,900, the GOV'T cost for the transoceanic trip cost plus necessary ground transportation to the HOR. The traveler is financially responsible for the additional cost of \$400 (one way).	

c. When the Service authorizes/approves POC use, the member is authorized 'MALT-Plus' on behalf of eligible travelers (member and/or dependent) IAW pars. U5105-B and/or U5201. If the Service does not authorize/approve POC use, reimbursement is limited to the POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE. APP A for POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE definition.

*Example 3	
NOTE: Costs in this example are not actual transportation costs and are used for illustration only.	
A member performed COT travel from the old PDS to the HOR. The member elected to travel by POC accompanied by the spouse and their 11-year old child. They departed the OCONUS residence on day 1 and arrived at the HOR on day 9. Constructed transportation and per diem are computed as follows:	
1. COT/HOR travel from OCONUS PDS to the HOR.	
2. 9/1: Depart OCONUS PDS. Arrive at CONUS residence.	
3. The destination per diem rate at the time of travel was \$139 (\$100/ \$46).	
4. The member's reimbursement for 9/1 is \$34.50 (75% x \$46) =	\$ 34.50
5. Per diem payable for spouse is 75% of the \$34.50 due to the member =	\$ 25.88
6. Per diem for the accompanying child (under age 12) at 50% of the member's amount =	\$ 17.25
7. City-pair airfare cost (one way for member and 2 eligible travelers): \$599/traveler x 3 travelers =	\$ 1,797.00
8. Ground transportation from OCONUS residence to airport =	\$ 50.00
Total constructed GOV'T city-pair airfare cost =	\$ 1,924.63
Actual 'MALT-Plus' is computed as follows:	
Member elects (no Service authorization) POC transportation to the HOR a distance of 3,063 miles one way.	
POC MALT: 3,063 miles x \$.24/mile =	\$ 735.12
Per Diem for Actual Travel using 'MALT-Plus' Method	
Days 1-9 Per Diem for 9 travel days @ the (Standard CONUS per diem rate) 9 x \$116 =	
Member's per diem authorization = 9 days x \$116/day =	\$ 1,044.00
Per diem for the accompanying spouse at 75% of the member's amount =	\$ 783.00
Per diem for the accompanying child (under age 12) at 50% of the member's amount =	\$ 522.00
Total actual amount =	\$ 3,084.12
In this example, the city-pair airfare cost to the HOR is less expensive than POC 'MALT-Plus' travel to the HOR. The member's reimbursement is limited to the POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE of \$599/person if the Service did not authorize/approve POC use. The member is financially responsible for the additional cost (\$3,084.12 - \$1,924.63) of \$1,159.50.	
When the Service concerned authorizes/approves POC use through the Secretarial process, the member is authorized 'MALT-Plus' on behalf of eligible travelers. See par. U7200-C1c.	

*Example 4		
NOTE: Costs in this example are not actual transportation costs and are used for illustration only.		
A member performed COT travel from the old PDS to the HOR. The member elected to travel by POC accompanied by the spouse and their 2 children under age 12. They departed the OCONUS residence on day 1 and arrived at the HOR on day 9. Constructed transportation and per diem are computed as follows:		
1. COT/HOR travel from OCONUS PDS to the HOR.		
2. 9/1: Depart OCONUS PDS. Arrive at CONUS residence.		
3. The destination per diem rate at the time of travel was \$146 (\$100/ \$46).		
4. The member's reimbursement for 9/1 is \$34.50 (75% x \$46) =		\$ 34.50
5. Per diem payable for spouse is 75% of the \$34.50 due to the member =		\$ 25.88
6. Per diem for the 2 accompanying children (under age 12) at 50% of the member's amount of \$17.25 x 2 =		\$ 34.50
7. City-pair airfare cost (one way for member and 3 eligible travelers: \$869 x 4 =		\$ 3,476.00
8. Ground transportation from OCONUS residence to airport =		\$ 50.00
Total constructed GOV'T city-pair airfare cost =		\$ 3,620.88
Actual 'MALT-Plus' is computed as follows:		
Member elects (no Service authorization) POC transportation to the HOR a distance of 3,063 miles one way.		
POC MALT: 3,063 miles x \$.24/mile =		\$735.12
Per Diem for Actual Travel using 'MALT-Plus' Method		
Days 1-9	Per Diem for 9 travel days @ the (Standard CONUS per diem rate) 9 days x \$116/day = \$1,044	
Member's per diem authorization =		\$ 1,044.00
Per diem for the accompanying spouse at 75% of the member's amount =		\$ 783.00
Per diem for the 2 accompanying children (under age 12) at 50% the member's amount of \$522/child x 2 children =		\$ 1,044.00
Total actual amount =		\$ 3,606.12
In this example, the city-pair airfare cost to the HOR is more expensive than POC 'MALT-Plus' travel to the HOR. Since the POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE exceeds the actual POC cost, the member is reimbursed the actual amount. If the Secretarial Process authorizes/approves POC use, the member is authorized 'MALT-Plus' on behalf of eligible travelers. See par. U7200-C1c.		

2. Travel Status. A member is in a travel status (see par. U2200-B) during direct travel between authorized locations. For other travel undertaken for personal convenience, a member's travel status is limited to a constructed period equal to that required for direct travel between authorized locations by available transportation.

*3. No Authority. Travel and transportation is not authorized under par. U7200 if a member elects:

a. 15 days leave and transportation, addressed under par. U7305, or

*b. Either of two other options available in lieu of transportation under the authorization discussed under par. U7305, (i.e., cash, or 30 days leave without funded transportation. See DoDI 1327.06 at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132706p.pdf>.

U7205 TRANSPORTATION IN PERSONAL EMERGENCIES

*A. Transportation Authorization. An eligible member on emergency leave and/or one or more eligible dependents with a personal emergency (as determined under DoDI 1327.06 (Leave and Liberty Procedures), subsec. 1.j.(3), <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132706p.pdf>) for DoD Services and/or Service regulations for Non-DoD Services (see par. U1010-B10) are authorized transportation between authorized locations. ***Air is the only authorized transportation mode. See the airport to airport transportation NOTE below.*** Each emergency leave traveler is authorized commercial air transportation between authorized locations if space-required GOV'T air transportation is not reasonably available. ***NOTE: A Commander must determine "reasonable availability" after considering frequency and scheduling of flights, and other relevant circumstances (including those personal to the member). See par. U7205-C for definition of "authorized location." Par. U3002-B, allowing reimbursement NTE the directed mode cost, does not apply if GOV'T transportation is reasonably available and not used.***

1. Reimbursement for transportation costs is NTE the cost of GOV'T-procured commercial air transportation between authorized locations.

NOTE: Reimbursement is authorized only for air transportation and ground transportation between interim airports (e.g., between Narita and Haneda airports in Tokyo since they are interim airports and the cost is part of the overall transportation cost). Reimbursement for ground transportation from PDS/home/destination the airport is not authorized.

2. For an eligible dependent, personal emergencies are circumstances similar to those for which a member receives emergency leave, and includes travel not authorized under par. U5242-A incident to the burial of a deceased member.

3. Travel across CONUS is at GOV'T expense if a member or dependent must transit the CONUS to reach the OCONUS emergency (leave) point.

B. Eligibility

1. Eligible Member. An eligible member is one:

- a. On permanent duty OCONUS,
- b. Assigned to an OCONUS ship or unit operation, or
- c. With OCONUS domiciles who are on permanent duty or initial training (or are described in par. U7125-A or U7125-B) in CONUS.

NOTE: A cadet/midshipman is not an eligible member for this transportation.

2. Eligible Dependent. An eligible dependent is one who:

- a. Is command-sponsored and resides OCONUS with the member,
- b. Is authorized to reside at an OCONUS location and for whom the member receives a station allowance while the member is on permanent duty OCONUS, or
- c. Resides in CONUS, the emergency leave location is OCONUS, and the member:
 - (1) Is on permanent duty OCONUS, or
 - (2) Has an OCONUS domicile and is on permanent duty in CONUS.

3. Domicile. As used in par. U7205, domicile is a member's HOR or place:

A member's domicile is relevant to personal emergency transportation authorization only if the member is stationed in CONUS. A dependent's domicile is not relevant.

- a. From which first called (or ordered) to active duty,
- b. Of first enlistment, or
- c. Of permanent legal residence.

C. Authorized Locations. An eligible member and an eligible dependent are authorized transportation from an originating location to a destination. They are authorized return transportation from the destination to the originating location or PDS, if transportation is provided to the destination under par. U7205. The authorized locations listed below (including those in par. U7205-C1b(3)) are official travel locations, and available contract city-pair airfares *may* be used.

NOTE 1: Reimbursement is authorized only for air transportation, and ground transportation between interim airports (e.g., between Narita and Haneda airports in Tokyo since they are interim airports and the cost is part of the overall transportation cost). Reimbursement for ground transportation between PDS/home/destination and the airport is not authorized.

NOTE 2: The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current costs.

*Example 1	
A member's PDS is OCONUS and the emergency leave is CONUS Location A. The closest CONUS international airport with a scheduled flight is Location B.	
Round trip city-pair airfare between the PDS and Location B:	\$1,200
Round trip city-pair airfare between the PDS and Location A:	\$1,400
Round trip POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE between the PDS and Location A:	\$1,600
Since transportation to/from Location A is more expensive than transportation to/from the closest CONUS international airport, Location B, no <i>city-pair airfare may be used</i> to/from Location A.	
The member's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable.	

*Example 2	
A member's PDS is OCONUS and the emergency leave CONUS location is Location A. The closest CONUS international airport with a scheduled flight is Location B.	
Round trip city-pair airfare between the PDS and Location B:	\$1,200
Round trip city-pair airfare between the PDS and Location A:	\$ 980
Since transportation to/from Location A is less expensive than transportation to/from the closest CONUS international airport, Location B, the member is authorized city-pair airfare to/from Location A (\$980) NTE the \$1,200 cost to Location B.	

1. Member and Dependent(s) OCONUS. For a member described in pars. U7205-B1a and U7205-B1b and dependent(s) described in pars. U7205-B2a and U7205-B2b:

a. Authorized origins are:

- (1) A member's PDS;
- (2) The dependent's other OCONUS location; or
- (3) The member's or dependent's location when notified of the personal emergency, if the location is OCONUS. ***For a member described in par. U7205-B1c and dependent described in par. U7205-B2c, see par. U7205-B2a.***

b. Authorized destinations are:

- (1) Either:
 - (a) The CONUS international airport nearest to the location from which the member/dependent departed to which a scheduled direct flight is available along a normally traveled international route; or

(b) Any other CONUS airport that is closer to the traveler's destination if the transportation cost to the other airport is less than the transportation cost to the international airport described in (a) above. For an example, see par. U7205-C; ***NOTE: This creates a cost limit to be used for transportation.***

(2) An airport in a NON-FOREIGN OCONUS AREA (APP A); or

(3) Any other OCONUS location, as determined by the Secretarial Process.

NOTE: There is no authorization for one-way emergency leave transportation from CONUS back to an OCONUS PDS if a member or dependent(s) is on personal leave in CONUS when the emergency occurs.

2. Member and Dependent in CONUS. For a member described in par. U7205-B1c and dependent described in par. U7205-B2c:

a. Authorized origins are the international airports nearest the:

(1) Member's PDS, or

(2) Dependent's location when notified of the personal emergency.

b. Authorized destinations are:

(1) An international airport in a non-foreign OCONUS area, or

(2) Any other OCONUS location, as determined by the Secretarial Process.

NOTE: There is no authority for one-way emergency leave transportation from OCONUS back to the CONUS PDS if a member or dependent(s) is on personal leave OCONUS when the emergency occurs.

U7206 PERSONAL EMERGENCIES FOR A MEMBER ON TDY OR AWAY FROM HOME PORT

*A. Member TDY or Away from the Home Port. A member on TDY away from the PDS, or assigned to a ship or unit operating away from its home port, is authorized round-trip (if applicable) personal emergency travel and transportation allowances (including per diem while in a travel status, but not while at the emergency leave location) between the TDY/unit location or ship and the:

1. PDS,

2. Home port, or

*3. Other location if authorized emergency leave as determined under DoDI 1327.06 (Leave and Liberty Procedures <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132706p.pdf>) for DoD Services and/or Service regulations. See par. U1010-B9.

B. Transportation. Space-required GOV'T transportation must be used if reasonably available; otherwise travel and transportation allowances are the same as if traveling on TDY. ***NOTE: The policy in par. U3002-B allowing reimbursement up to the directed mode cost does not apply if GOV'T transportation is reasonably available and not used.***

C. Reimbursement. Travel and transportation cost reimbursement for travel between the TDY/unit location and another location is limited to the travel and transportation cost between the TDY/unit location and the PDS/home port.

D. Cost Construction. If emergency travel to another location is appropriate for the member from the TDY/unit location and the member's return to the TDY/unit location is no longer required at the personal emergency conclusion, the member's travel and transportation cost to the PDS directly from the other location is limited to the balance of the travel and transportation cost from the TDY/unit location to the PDS not used under par. U7206-A3 (i.e., cost from TDY site to another location to PDS cannot exceed cost from TDY site to PDS).

E. City-pair Airfare Use. The locations listed in par. U7206-A are official travel locations, and available contract city-pair airfares may be used. *If the member travels to a more expensive 'other' location, city-pair airfares are not authorized.*

F. One-way Emergency Leave Travel. There is no authority for one-way emergency leave travel and transportation to the ship's location if the member departed on emergency leave while the ship was in its home port. If the member departed the ship on emergency leave while it was operating away from home port, return travel and transportation to the ship at its home port is authorized subject to the limitations in par. U7206-D. See par. U7215 for travel and transportation allowances when a ship relocates during the member's authorized absence.

NOTE: The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current costs. Even though payable, per diem and transportation costs to/from terminals are not included in the examples.

Example 1	
A member's PDS is Ft. Belvoir, VA. The member is TDY to Ft. Campbell, KY, and the member's emergency leave destination is Denver, CO.	
There is no city-pair airfare between Ft. Campbell and Ft. Belvoir and the POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A) (incorporating some city-pair airfare connections) is \$400.	
City-pair airfare cost from Ft. Campbell to Denver	\$500
POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE cost from Ft. Campbell to Denver	\$600
Since transportation to Denver is more expensive than transportation to the PDS (Ft. Belvoir), the member is not authorized city-pair airfare to Denver. The member's financial responsibility is \$600 of which \$400 is reimbursable.	

Example 2	
A member's PDS is Ft. Belvoir, VA. The member is TDY to Ft. Hood, TX, and the member's emergency leave destination is Atlanta, GA.	
City-pair airfare trip cost from Ft. Hood to Ft. Belvoir	\$320
City-pair airfare from Ft. Hood to Atlanta	\$280
Since transportation to Atlanta is less expensive than transportation to the PDS (Ft. Belvoir) the member is authorized city-pair airfare to Atlanta (\$280) NTE the cost to Ft. Belvoir (\$320).	

U7207 FUNDED ENVIRONMENTAL AND MORALE LEAVE (FEML) TRANSPORTATION

A. Policy. FEML policy is established in DoDI 1327.06 (Leave and Liberty Procedures), subsection 1.j.(8), <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132706p.pdf>.

B. Eligibility

NOTE: Once a member/dependent meets FEML eligibility, unless otherwise prohibited in par. U7207, the member/dependent is authorized FEML and it is not discretionary.

1. Member. A member is eligible for FEML if stationed at an authorized FEML PDS (see APP S) for 24 or more consecutive months (to include a 12-month tour extended for an additional consecutive 12 months).

NOTE: When a member on a 12-month without-dependent tour to a FEML area extends for a consecutive second 12-month tour, the member is only eligible for one funded leave transportation program, the COT or the FEML leave transportation program, but not both.

2. Dependent. The dependent of a uniformed member serving an accompanied tour at the FEML PDS is eligible for FEML if:

- a. Command-sponsored, and
- b. Residing with the member at the FEML PDS (a dependent student (see par. U5260) attending school away from the PDS (e.g., in the CONUS) resides with the member for FEML eligibility).

NOTE 1: A dependent may travel independently of the member and may travel even if the member does not.

NOTE 2: Student dependent travel from the school to the designated FEML location or an alternate destination to join the family while on FEML may be authorized. The GOV'T-funded transportation cost from the school to the designated FEML destination or to an alternate location must not exceed the GOV'T's cost had the dependent traveled from the OCONUS PDS to the designated FEML destination.

C. Limitation

1. Number of FEML Trips

a. The number of FEML trips an eligible member/dependent may take depends on the member's tour length, as shown in the table below:

Tour Length	Number of FEML Trips Authorized
a. At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	1
Tour <i>extended</i> at least 12 months	1 additional
b. At least 36 months.	2
Tour <i>extended</i> for any length of time	0 additional

b. No more than 2 FEML trips are authorized for any overseas tour including extensions to that tour.

c. Personnel taking IPCOT assignments are authorized additional FEML trips based on the above table. For example, if the member's tour was 36 months, two FEML trips were authorized during that 36-month tour. If the member then serves a 36-month IPCOT, the member would be eligible for two FEML trips during that second 36-month tour.

2. Time Limitation. FEML travel by a member/dependent should not be performed within 6 months of the beginning or the end of the 24- or 36-month tour. FEML travel by a member/dependent should not be performed within 3 months of the beginning or the end of a 12-month extension to a 24-month/less than 36-month tour. A major command is authorized, on a case-by-case basis, to waive the six-month or three-month rule when appropriate. FEML travel by an eligible member/dependent must be performed prior to the FEML tour completion (adopted from [CBCA 1067-TRAV, 26 June 2008](#)). ***NOTE:*** A major command is ordinarily commanded by a 4-star (3-star for Marine Corps) flag officer.

3. FEML Can Be Combined with other Travel. *FEML may be taken ICW any other funded leave transportation program or official travel.*

D. FEML Locations/Destinations. See APP S for a list of authorized FEML locations/destinations.

1. FEML Location. To qualify, a location must meet the requirements of DoDI 1327.06 and be designated by one of the authorities listed in par. U7207-D5.

2. FEML Destination. The authorized FEML destination, determined IAW DoDI 1327.06, is listed in APP S.
3. Alternate Destination(s). A member may select destination(s) different from the authorized destination in APP S and be reimbursed NTE the cost of GOV'T-provided transportation to the authorized destination. Travel to/from the alternate destination(s) is official travel, and contract city-pair airfares *may* be available for use. *If a member travels to more expensive alternate destination(s), city-pair airfares are not authorized.*
4. Examples. The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current costs.

a. Example 1

Example 1	
A member's PDS is in Bahrain and the authorized destination is Frankfurt, Germany.	
There is no city-pair airfare between Bahrain and Frankfurt, Germany.	
The POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A) (incorporating some city-pair airfare connections) is \$1,200.	
The member desires to utilize FEML to Boston, MA.	
Round trip city-pair airfare to/from Boston:	\$1,400
Round trip POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE to/from Boston:	\$1,600
Since transportation to/from Boston, MA, is more expensive than transportation to/from Frankfurt, Germany, no city-pair airfare may be used to/from Boston. The member's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable.	

b. Example 2

Example 2	
A member's PDS is in Brazil and the authorized destination is Miami, FL.	
Round trip city-pair airfare between Brazil and Miami is:	\$980
The member desires to utilize FEML to St. Louis, MO.	
Round trip city-pair airfare from Brazil to St. Louis is:	\$840
Since transportation to/from St. Louis, MO, is less expensive than transportation to/from Miami, FL, the member is authorized city-pair airfare to/from St. Louis (\$840) NTE the \$980 cost to/from Miami.	

5. Location Designation/Recertification

- a. Designating Authorities. The following are designating authorities for FEML locations/destinations:

- (1) DoD Services: DUSD (MPP) IAW DoDI 1327.06;
- (2) NOAA: Director, NOAA Corps;
- * (3) PHS: Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH), Department of Health and Human Services; and
- (4) U.S. Coast Guard: Commandant (CG-12), U.S. Coast Guard.

- b. Designation/Recertification Requests. Designation/recertification requests (for DoD Services) must be sent through Combatant Command channels to DUSD (MPP) IAW DoDI 1327.06.

E. Transportation

1. Member/Dependent. The member and dependent may travel together or independently.

2. Restrictions. A member/dependent(s) taking a FEML trip:

- a. Must use military air transportation on a space available basis if reasonably available to the authorized/alternate destination, or
- b. May use commercial air transportation if military air transportation is not reasonably available, and
- c. May not use cruise or tour packages to/from the authorized destination.

NOTE: A commander must determine “reasonable availability” after considering mission requirements, frequency and scheduling of flights, and other relevant circumstances (including those personal to the member) that affect scheduling FEML.

3. Procurement. Commercial air transportation must be IAW par. U3120.

4. Reimbursement

- a. Transportation and expenses (i.e., ground transportation) between the member's PDS and the authorized air terminal may be reimbursed. See par. U3320, and Ch 3, Part E.
- b. Reimbursement must not exceed the GOV'T-procured transportation cost between a member's duty station and the authorized destination (APP S), plus the ground transportation cost. See par. U7207-E4a.

5. Transportation Funded by a Host Government. ***If a member/dependent(s) receives transportation funded by a host government that is comparable to FEML, they are not eligible for a FEML trip.***

F. Per Diem. ***Per diem, meal tickets, and reimbursement for meals and lodging are not authorized for FEML.***

G. Dual Allowances. A member or eligible dependent may not receive dual allowances. Therefore, the member's spouse (or other dependent), serving at the PDS as an employee of the same or another U.S. GOV'T agency, is eligible for FEML travel as the member's dependent ***provided*** the other agency does not provide comparable allowances. Ex: Member-married-to-member (or employee) couple with two children. The member and employee (or both members) are each eligible for one FEML trip. The entire family unit may travel on its collective one FEML trip, or the member and other member/employee may take separate FEML trips and each child may accompany one parent, but not both.

U7210 CONVALESCENT LEAVE TRANSPORTATION (37 USC §411a)

A. Authority. A member is authorized transportation allowances (***no per diem***) for one trip when traveling for convalescent leave for illness/injury incurred while eligible for hostile fire pay under 37 USC §310 from the:

1. CONUS medical treatment place to a place selected by the member and authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process, and
2. Member-selected place to any medical treatment place.

NOTE: Additional trips, if deemed necessary by the attending physician, may be authorized through the Secretarial Process.

B. Transportation Allowances. A member performing travel under par. U7210-A may select:

1. Transportation-in-kind;

2. Commercial transportation cost reimbursement when the member travels at personal expense (see Ch 3, Part B), ***NOTE: IAW par. U3120-A1, it is mandatory policy that a member uses an available CTO/TMC to arrange official travel, including transportation and rental cars, except when authorized IAW par. U3110; or***
3. The TDY automobile mileage rate for the official distance.

NOTE: GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation must be furnished and used to the maximum extent practicable.

C. Restrictions. *Per diem, meal tickets, and meals and lodging reimbursement are not authorized for convalescent leave travel.*

U7215 SHIP RELOCATED DURING AUTHORIZED ABSENCE

A. Authorized Allowances. A member is authorized travel and transportation allowances for a portion of return travel to the assigned ship that relocates during an absence on authorized leave or liberty (pass), but only if the member is not notified of the relocation before departure on leave or liberty (pass). ***Exception: A member who departed the ship on emergency leave while the ship was in its home port is authorized allowances under par. U7215 even if the member knew of the ship's relocation before departing on emergency leave.***

B. Limitation. A member is authorized travel and transportation allowances for additional costs associated with returning to a relocated ship. Reimbursement is limited to the additional cost and is NTE the transportation cost between the ship's old and new locations.

C. Reimbursement. TDY travel and transportation allowances are payable. If return to a relocated ship requires transoceanic travel, transportation-in-kind is authorized. The GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation financial obligation is limited to the transportation cost between the ship's old and new locations. The member is financially responsible for any additional cost. ***If, when the member travels back to the ship, the transportation cost exceeds the transportation cost between the ship's old and new locations, city-pair airfares are not authorized.***

U7220 RECALL FROM LEAVE

A. Member's Responsibility. Except as prescribed in par. U7220-B a member en route to or at a leave location, who is ordered to return to a duty station (permanent or TDY) for duty, must bear the cost of returning. If leave is interrupted for TDY away from the PDS, see par. U4105-F.

B. Recall for Operational Reasons

1. Authorization. An eligible member is authorized TDY per diem, transportation, and reimbursable expenses (computed as if returning to a PDS from TDY) for travel:
 - a. Beginning the day they depart from the leave location or place they receive an authorization/order canceling leave, and ending on the arrival day at the duty station; and
 - b. If authorized to resume leave, beginning the day they depart from the duty station, and ending on the arrival day at a leave location no farther distant from the duty station than the place they received the authorization/order canceling leave.

No per diem accrues for duty at the PDS.

2. Eligible Member. An eligible member is one who departs from a PDS or TDY station on authorized leave and is recalled to the same duty station because of:
- a. Actual contingency or emergency war operations, or
 - b. An urgent, unforeseen circumstance (and the authorized leave is for 5 or more days):
 - (1) Within 24 hours of departure, or
 - (2) More than 24 hours after departure, if the commanding officer authorizes/approves after determining that:
 - (a) A substantial portion of the scheduled leave period has been eliminated by the recall, or
 - (b) The leave purpose has been defeated ([60 Comp. Gen. 648 \(1981\)](#)).

PART H2: REIMBURSEMENT FOR LODGING WHILE ON LEAVE

U7225 LODGING EXPENSES DURING A MEMBER'S AUTHORIZED ABSENCE WHILE TDY IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY OPERATION

A. General. An eligible member deployed in a TDY status to a location in support of a contingency operation who retains lodging at the TDY location during an authorized absence may be reimbursed for the lodging expenses as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense. See APP G.

*B. Eligibility. A member is eligible for reimbursement for lodging retained at the TDY location who:

1. Is assigned TDY in support of a contingency operation for more than 30 days, and
2. Immediately before taking the authorized absence, was performing duty at a location away from the member's home or PDS, and
3. Was receiving per diem to cover lodging expenses because GOV'T QTRS were not available at no cost to the member, and
4. Before the end of the authorized absence, returns to the TDY location.

C. Reimbursement. *Per diem is not authorized for a member, during an authorized absence, who is returning to the PDS/home for the weekend. Reimbursement for the lodging retained at the TDY station is reimbursable as a Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expense.*

1. 'Lodgings-Plus'

- a. The member is authorized reimbursement as a Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expense (APP G) for the actual cost of lodging retained during an authorized absence NTE the lodging portion of the [per diem rate](#) for the TDY location for each day.
- b. This reimbursement authority for an authorized absence during a contingency operation applies only when the computation provisions of par. U4141 covering an authorized absence period do not fully reimburse for the TDY location per diem-related [lodging](#) costs.

2. Fixed (Flat) Rate Per Diem Allowance. If the member is paid a contingency operation fixed (flat) rate per diem allowance (e.g., 55%) IAW par. U4105-I:

- a. The member is authorized reimbursement of the out-of-pocket expenses, and
- b. The amount allowed for lodging costs as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense may not be more than the amount the member would have received if the authorized absence had not been taken.

c. Example

*Example
<p>1. The member is on a contingency TDY being paid 55% per diem IAW par. U4105-I and renting an apartment at a cost of \$1,000/month.</p> <p>2. The authorized per diem rate is \$63.80 (i.e., 55% of the locality rate of \$116). 55% x \$70 (Lodging) = \$38.50 55% x \$46 (M&IE) = \$25.30 Total = \$63.80 or 55% of \$116 = \$63.80</p> <p>3. The member is reimbursed \$38.50/day x 30 days = \$1,155 per 30-day month for lodging.</p>
Scenario 1
<p>1. The member returned to the PDS once during the first month. The member is not paid per diem for the 2 days/nights spent at the PDS.</p> <p>2. The member is authorized \$1,078 (\$38.50/day x 28 days) for lodging for the first month.</p> <p>3. Since the member is authorized \$78 more than actual lodging cost (\$1,078.00 vs. \$1,000), the member is not out-of-pocket for lodging costs and therefore is not authorized additional reimbursement.</p>
Scenario 2
<p>1. The member took 7 days leave during the third month. The member is not paid lodging per diem for 7 days/nights of leave.</p> <p>2. The member is authorized \$38.50/day x 23 days = \$885.50 for lodging for the third month.</p> <p>3. The member is out-of-pocket \$114.50 for lodging costs (\$1,000 vs. \$885.50).</p> <p>4. The member would have been reimbursed \$269.50 (\$38.50/night x 7 nights) for those 7 nights had the member not been on leave.</p> <p>5. The \$114.50 out-of-pocket cost is less than the amount the member would have been paid had the member not been on leave (\$269.50).</p> <p>6. The member is authorized \$114.50 as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense to cover the out-of-pocket lodging costs.</p>

3. This reimbursement authority for an authorized absence during a contingency operation applies only when the computation provisions of par. U4141 covering an authorized absence period do not fully reimburse for the TDY location per diem-related [lodging](#) cost.

D. Authorized Absence. In par. U7225 this term, with respect to a member, means that the member is in an authorized leave status or that the member's absence is otherwise authorized under regulations prescribed by the Secretary Concerned. (37 USC §404b(d)).

U7226 LODGING EXPENSES WHILE ON LEAVE DURING AN AUTHORIZED/ORDERED EVACUATION

A. General. A member sent TDY to a location for more than 30 days who goes on leave from the TDY location to the dependents' safe haven location who have been evacuated may be reimbursed for the TDY location lodging expenses as a reimbursable expense.

*B. Eligibility. A member is eligible for lodging reimbursement for lodging retained at the TDY location, who:

1. Was receiving per diem to cover TDY lodging expenses because GOV'T QTRS were not available at no cost to the member, and
2. Immediately after completing the authorized leave, returns to the TDY location.

C. Reimbursement

1. The member is authorized reimbursement for the actual cost of lodging retained at the TDY location during leave NTE the lodging portion of the [per diem rate](#) for the TDY location for each day.
2. This reimbursement authority for leave during an evacuation applies only when the computation provisions of par. U4141 covering a leave period do not fully reimburse for the TDY location per diem-related lodging costs.

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PART I: MEMBER TRAVEL ICW PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR ILLNESS

U7250 ATTENDANTS/ESCORTS

A. Definition. See APP A, Part I.

B. Determination. A member, incapable of traveling alone, requires an attendant/escort. An attendant/escort may be:

1. A member,
2. U.S. GOV'T civilian employee, or
3. Any other person.

C. Appointment. Any person listed in par. U7250-B may be appointed, to accompany an active duty member patient physically incapable of traveling alone, as an:

1. Attendant, by the Medical Authority, or
2. Escort, by the Commander/AO.

D. Travel and Transportation Allowances

1. Member as an Attendant/Escort. A member is authorized TDY travel and transportation allowances.
2. Civilian Employee as Attendant or Escort. A U.S. GOV'T civilian employee is authorized the TDY travel and transportation allowances in regulations issued by the agency/department funding the travel.
3. Other Person as Attendant. Another person designated to travel as an attendant/escort is:
 - a. Issued an ITA, or included in the same travel authorization/order (identified as an attendant/escort) issued for the member patient.
 - b. Authorized the same travel and transportation allowances as would be a civilian employee. See JTR, par. C7115.

E. Non-Concurrent Attendant Travel. Non-concurrent attendant travel may be authorized/approved when the need for an attendant arises during treatment, or there is need for an attendant only during a portion of the patient's travel.

U7251 A MEMBER ON THE TDRL REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO PERIODIC PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

A. Travel Status. *Except when both the member's home and the medical facility are within the same corporate city limits*, a member:

1. On the TDRL, undergoing a required periodic physical examination, is in a travel status during the:
 - a. Examination, and
 - *b. Travel to and from a medical facility (par. U3500-E).

2. Being reevaluated by a Physical Evaluation Board (PEB), who is retired/separated for physical disability, is in a travel status during the;

- a. Hearing, and
- b. Travel to and from the hearing.

*B. Travel and Transportation Allowances. Travel and transportation allowances expire when TDRL status expires. TDRL status expires five years after the date when the member's name was placed on the TDRL, or sooner, per the medical reexamination results IAW 10 USC §1210(b).

1. Travel outside the Corporate City Limits of the Member's Home. A TDRL member is authorized TDY travel and transportation allowances:

- a To and from a medical facility for required periodic physical examinations, and
- b To, from, and during a hearing, when under an authorization/order to appear before a PEB.

*Appointed attendant or escorts TDY travel and transportation allowances may be authorized/approved per Agency/Service regulations IAW par. U7250- C. Premium-class seating accommodation, if necessary for medical reasons, must be authorized/approved IAW par. U3125-B2 requirements.

2. Local Travel

- a. If a member's home and the medical facility/PEB are within the same corporate city limits (see par. U3500-B) transportation expenses reimbursement is under Ch 3, Part F.
- b. For this travel, the member's home is the PDS.

C. Allowances while at the Medical Facility. The day after arrival at the medical facility through the day before departure, the member is authorized per diem:

- 1. Equal to the actual daily charges paid for meals if admitted as an inpatient; or
- 2. For TDY, if an outpatient.

U7252 TRANSFER OF A MEMBER PATIENT TO/FROM A MEDICAL FACILITY OR TO HOME (INCLUDING INSANE/MENTALLY INCOMPETENT PATIENT)

A. Travel and Transportation Allowances

- 1. An active duty member patient, ordered to travel for necessary medical care, is authorized the travel and transportation allowances for either TDY or PCS, as applicable.
- 2. Advances may be made against such allowances to the attendant/escort. See par. U7250.
- 3. Advances must be IAW Service instructions.

B. Transportation-in-Kind. When transportation-in-kind is furnished, the member patient and attendant/escort must be furnished enclosed room accommodations when required under Service regulations.

U7253 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES FOR A MEMBER DISCHARGED FROM ST. ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL, A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) MEDICAL FACILITY, OR A VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC)

A. Discharged from the Service upon Entry into a Medical Facility. If a member, in the care of an attendant/escort, is ordered to St. Elizabeths Hospital, an HHS medical facility, or a VAMC:

1. In the locality of the member's home and then discharged, there is no authorization for travel and transportation allowances upon discharge from a medical facility.
2. Not in the locality of the member's home, the member is authorized 'MALT-Plus' from the medical facility to member's home. See par. U5105-B2.

B. Not Discharged from the Service upon Entry into a Medical Facility. If transferred to St. Elizabeths Hospital, an HHS medical facility, or a VAMC for observation and treatment (as distinguished from transfer for immediate discharge), a member is authorized travel and transportation allowances in Ch 5, Part B upon discharge from a medical facility.

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PART J: REST AND RECUPERATION (R&R) LEAVE AND SPECIAL REST AND RECUPERATIVE (SR&R) ABSENCE TRANSPORTATION

U7300 FUNDED REST AND RECUPERATIVE (R&R) LEAVE TRANSPORTATION

*A. Policy. DoDI 1327.06, subsec. 1.j.(9) establishes the DoD policy for designating locations eligible for funded R&R transportation. Under DoDI 1327.06, upon Service member request, the applicable Combatant Commander or the designated representative, who must be at least a general officer, may authorize R&R travel to be taken ICW other authorized travel, providing the combination of travel is in the DoD's best interest. Non-DoD Services should consult Service regulations.

*B. Eligibility. A member is eligible if assigned to a designated location outside the U.S. The number of R&R leave transportations authorized is:

1. Standard Tour: One per 12-month period.
2. Contingency Tour: One per contingency tour, except as indicated in **NOTE 2**. A contingency tour is ICW and directly tied to a CONTINGENCY OPERATION (APP A, Part I). R&R is for a member who is serving a tour length under a TDY authorization/order for duty of 180 or more consecutive days (to include extensions), and who has served at least 60 consecutive days in one or more of the locations listed in APP U.
- *3. Extended Tour: Two per 18-month period or more.

NOTE 1: *The R&R may be taken after 60 consecutive days are completed. The R&R may not be combined with TDY travel away from the contingency tour area.*

***NOTE 2:** *A DoD member who volunteers for a 12-month extension in the Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom Area of Operations, subsequent to a 12-month or longer rotation is permitted transportation for an additional R&R leave period IAW OSD amendment to policy memo dated 19 December 2007. Transportation for the R&R leave period is permitted solely between the first deployed period termination and the voluntary extension start. All other restrictions outlined in DoDI 1327.06 still apply to the USCENTCOM R&R Leave program. Non-DoD Services should consult Service regulations.*

*C. R & R Locations/Destinations. See APP U for a list of authorized R&R locations/destinations.

*1. R&R Location. To qualify, a location must meet the requirements of DoDI 1327.06 and be designated by one of the authorities listed in par. U7300-C5.

*2. R&R Destination. The authorized R&R destination, determined IAW DoDI 1327.06, is listed in APP U.

3. Alternate Destination. A member may select a destination different from the authorized destination in APP U and be reimbursed NTE the cost of GOV'T-provided transportation to the authorized destination. The alternate destination is an official travel location, and therefore available contract city-pair airfares may be available for use. *If the member travels to a more expensive alternate destination, city-pair airfares are not authorized to the alternate destination.*

4. Examples. The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current costs.

a. Example 1

Example 1	
A member's PDS is in OCONUS Location A and the authorized destination is OCONUS Location B.	
There is no city-pair airfare between OCONUS Location A and OCONUS Location B and the round trip POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A) between OCONUS Location A and OCONUS Location B (incorporating some city-pair airfare connections) is:	\$1,200
CONUS Location C is the authorized CONUS destination. The round trip city-pair airfare between OCONUS Location A and CONUS Location C is:	\$1,000
The member desires to utilize R&R to CONUS Location D. Round trip city-pair airfare between OCONUS Location A and CONUS Location D is:	\$1,400
Round trip POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE between OCONUS Location A and CONUS Location D is:	\$1,600
Since transportation to CONUS Location D is more expensive than transportation to OCONUS Location B or CONUS Location C no city-pair airfare may be used to CONUS Location D.	
Since transportation to/from OCONUS Location B is more expensive than transportation to/from CONUS Location C, the cost to/from OCONUS Location B is used for cost comparison.	
The member's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable.	

b. Example 2

Example 2	
A member's PDS is in OCONUS Location A and the authorized destination is OCONUS Location B.	
Round trip city-pair airfare between OCONUS Location A and OCONUS Location B is:	\$980
CONUS Location C, is the authorized CONUS destination. The round trip city-pair airfare between OCONUS Location A and CONUS Location C is:	\$1,400
The member desires to utilize R&R to CONUS Location D. The round trip city-pair airfare between OCONUS Location A and CONUS Location D is:	\$1,200
Since transportation to CONUS Location D is less expensive than transportation to CONUS Location C, the member is authorized the city-pair airfare to CONUS Location D (\$1,200) <i>NTE the \$1,400 cost to CONUS Location C.</i>	

5. Location Designation/Re-designation

- a. Designating Authorities. The following are designating authorities for R&R locations/destinations:

- (1) DoD Services: PDUSD (P&R);
- (2) NOAA: Director, NOAA Corps;
- *(3) PHS: Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH), Department of Health and Human Services;
- (4) U.S. Coast Guard: Commandant (CG-122), U.S. Coast Guard.

*b. Designation/Re-designation Requests. DoD Services must send designation requests through Combatant Command channels to PDUSD (P&R) IAW DoDI 1327.06.

D. Transportation

1. Uniformed Member only

2. Restrictions. A member taking a R&R trip may use:

- a. Military air transportation on a space required basis if reasonably available to the R&R/alternate destination, or
- b. Commercial air transportation if military air transportation is not reasonably available, and
- c. May not use cruise or tour packages to and from the authorized destination.

NOTE: Commanders must determine “reasonable availability” after considering mission requirements, frequency and scheduling of flights, and other relevant circumstances (including those personal to the member) that affect scheduling.

3. Procurement. Commercial air transportation must be IAW par. U3120.

4. Reimbursement. Reimbursement must not exceed the GOV'T-procured transportation cost between a member's duty station and the authorized destination as determined in par. U7300-C2.

*5. Time Limitation

- a. Standard Tour: Member must have served more than 90 days in the R&R location prior to taking 1st R&R leave.
- b. Contingency Tour: Member must have served at least 60 days in the R&R location prior to taking R&R leave.
- *c. Extended Tour: Member must have served 18 or more months in the R&R location prior to taking a 2nd R&R leave.

E. Per Diem. *Per diem, meal tickets, and reimbursement for meals and lodging are not authorized for R&R.*

U7305 TRANSPORTATION FOR SR&R ABSENCE IN CONNECTION WITH TOUR EXTENSION

*A. Authorization. Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary Concerned, an eligible member may elect up to 15 days (for personnel completing an overseas duty tour of 12 or fewer months) or up to 20 days (for personnel completing an overseas duty tour longer than 12 months) of SR&R absence (DoDI 1327.06, subsec. 6.f) (http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/i13276_042205/i13276p.pdf). GOV'T –funded round-trip transportation is provided between the OCONUS PDS and the nearest CONUS aerial POE (10 USC §705(b)), or to an alternate destination and return NTE the cost of round-trip transportation between the OCONUS PDS and the nearest CONUS aerial POE.

*B. Eligibility. A member of the Uniformed Services must meet the following DoDI 1327.06 requirements:

1. Be entitled to basic pay,
2. Have a specialty designated for SR&R purposes,
3. Complete a tour of duty at a designated OCONUS PDS,
4. Extend that tour for not less than a year, and
5. Does not elect a non-transportation option under 10 USC §705.

C. Authorized Transportation. Round-trip GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation is authorized. If possible, the member must use one or the other. If neither is available, the member must procure round-trip commercial transportation via an available CTO per par. U3120 with reimbursement for:

1. Transoceanic travel and overland air travel under par. U5116-D,
2. Overland surface travel at actual cost, and
3. POC travel at actual cost as in par. U3305-B.

NOTE: Reimbursement for the round-trip transportation cost to an alternate destination must not exceed the round-trip transportation cost between the OCONUS PDS and the nearest CONUS port.

D. Per Diem. *Per diem, meal tickets, and reimbursement for meals and lodging are not authorized for SR&R.*

E. Alternate Destination. A destination location (other than the nearest CONUS port) a member selects. Travel to and from the alternate location is official travel, and therefore contract city-pair airfares may be used but only if the contract city-pair airfare to the alternate destination does not exceed the cost of the contract city-pair airfare to the nearest CONUS port.

NOTE: The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current costs.

a. Example 1

Example 1	
Member's PDS is in an OCONUS location and the nearest CONUS air port is Location A. Member wants to travel to Location B.	
City-pair airfare to Location A:	\$1,200
City-pair airfare to Location B:	\$1,400
POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE to Location B =	\$1,600
Since transportation to Location B is more expensive than transportation to Location A, no city-pair airfare may be used to Location B.	
The member's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable.	

b. Example 2

Example 2	
Member's PDS is in an OCONUS location and the nearest CONUS air port is Location A. Member wants to travel to Location B.	
City-pair airfare to Location A:	\$1,200
City-pair airfare to Location B:	\$ 980
Since transportation to Location B is less expensive than transportation to Location A, the member is authorized city-pair airfare to Location B (\$980) NTE the \$1,200 cost to Location A.	

SECTION 1: GENERAL

U9150 GENERAL

A. Purpose. TLA is provided to partially reimburse a member for the more than normal expenses incurred while occupying temporary lodgings:

1. Upon initial arrival (reporting) at an OCONUS PDS (includes reporting for TDY at an activity within the new OCONUS PDS limits ([B-208740, 31 January 1983](#))) and waiting for a GOV'T QTRS assignment, or while completing arrangements for other private sector housing when GOV'T QTRS are not available;
2. When based on the OCONUS TLA Authority's written guidance, the appropriate official determines that for reasons beyond the member's control (does not include a ship entering any type of maintenance availability), it is necessary for a member, once established in permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing/ privatized housing or waiting to reoccupy the vacated permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing/privatized housing;
3. While seeking permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing following a TDY period when a member-without-dependents vacated permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing before a TDY assignment of 90 or more days ([59 Comp. Gen. 486 \(1980\)](#));
4. While house-hunting after the member arrives at the new PDS and reports for duty ICW a PCS;
5. Immediately preceding PCS departure from an OCONUS PDS (includes reporting for TDY at a location within the old OCONUS PDS limits ([B-208740, 31 January 1983](#)) after GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing is vacated ICW a PCS authorization/order; or
6. During a member's hospitalization period while en route between PDSs when dependents are required to use OCONUS temporary lodgings during the hospitalization period.

NOTE 1: A member who retires/separates, stays in the PDS area, and then moves at a later date, or moves to an OCONUS HOR/HOS location selected by the member, is not eligible for TLA.

NOTE 2: TLA is not intended, and must not be allowed to be used, for the personal enrichment of a member by providing TLA for other than the purpose intended. Disciplinary action addressed in par. U1055 applies when TLA is provided for inappropriate reasons.

NOTE 3: See par. U9220 regarding authorizing/approving TLA ICW dependents' advance arrival and/or delayed travel.

B. Implementation

1. In a country/area in which only one Service is represented, the senior commander (OCONUS TLA Authority) must issue written TLA guidance for the country/area.
2. In countries/areas where more than one Service is represented, the senior commander/designee (i.e., the OCONUS TLA Authority) must issue written guidance for all Services in the country/area. The OCONUS TLA Authority may delegate authority as determined appropriate to judiciously administer TLA.
3. A copy of the written material, and changes to/re-issuances of the written material implementing this authority, must be provided to:

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4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

for review IAW DoDD 5154.29 before implementation. This written material must be coordinated in the country/area with the Uniformed Services present there, must be consistent with par. U9150, and must be designed to uniformly authorize TLA to each member of each Uniformed Service.

C. OCONUS TLA Authority Responsibilities

1. TLA Authorization Determination

- a. The OCONUS TLA Authority causes the determination to be made whether or not it is necessary for the member and/or dependent(s) to occupy temporary lodgings when the first arrive at, or immediately before they leave, an OCONUS PDS.
- b. If temporary lodgings occupancy is necessary, the requirements below, in par. U9150-C1e(1) through (8) must be met before TLA payment.
- c. If GOV'T QTRS are not available, the member should be prepared to provide written certification to support any voucher documentation submitted if required by finance regulations.
- d. When GOV'T QTRS are available and other lodgings are used, lodging reimbursement is limited to the GOV'T QTRS' cost. See par. U1045.
- e. It is the OCONUS TLA Authority's responsibility to ensure that the member is advised:
 - (1) Upon arrival, of the responsibility to aggressively seek permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing (not applicable when it is known that the member is to be assigned GOV'T QTRS), and to follow up and review (at intervals of 15 or fewer days as determined by the TLA Authority) the member's progress in obtaining permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing;
 - (2) Upon arrival, of the requirement to register with an official and to keep that official periodically informed (at intervals of 15 or fewer days as determined by the TLA Authority) of progress in obtaining permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing. ***NOTE: The member does not have to report progress in obtaining permanent private sector housing when it is known that the member is to be assigned to GOV'T QTRS.;***
 - (3) Of the responsibility to furnish a statement to the official described above in par. U9150-C1e(2) indicating TLA commencement and/or termination;
 - (4) Of any limit on the number of authorized TLA days (for arrival or departure) and of any written justification requirement for a TLA extension to the maximum number of days in pars. U9160 and U9170;
 - (5) Of the requirement to relocate to other permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing or to reoccupy the GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing formerly occupied, as soon as practical if the conditions in par. U9150-A2 apply;
 - (6) That TLA authorization depends on the expenses incurred at the temporary lodgings (excluding lodging expenses when staying with friends or relatives) and of the need to obtain and keep receipts for lodging expenses to support TLA payment;
 - (7) Of the list of recommended temporary lodgings and provided encouragement to use these recommended facilities; and
 - (8) That lodging expenses are not allowed while staying with friends/relatives.

If, using written guidance of the OCONUS TLA Authority, a determination is made that the member has not complied with the TLA requirements or has failed to submit acceptable reasons for noncompliance, TLA payment or further TLA authorization must be denied.

2. Determining Additional TLA Periods

a. In addition to the responsibilities in par. U9150-B1, before authorizing/approving additional TLA periods upon initial arrival (par. U9160-G), delayed departure (par. U9170-C), or early permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing termination (par. U9170-D), the OCONUS TLA Authority's written guidance is used to determine whether or not an undue financial hardship can result if an additional TLA period is not authorized/approved.

b. Personal inconvenience to a member/dependent(s) is never a determining factor.

c. Applications for additional TLA periods must establish the need for continuance.

d. In the written guidance regarding making the continuation determination, the OCONUS TLA Authority must direct consideration of the daily amount of:

(1) TLA the member has received or will receive;

(2) Current and estimated expenses for temporary lodgings occupancy;

(3) Housing allowance for a member who has one or more command-sponsored dependents in the OCONUS PDS vicinity, on whose behalf the member is authorized TLA, and for those with no dependents;

NOTE: Housing allowance is not a consideration when paid for a dependent(s) at a place other than the member's PDS, or at the with-dependent rate to a member receiving TLA for the member only.

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e. If a member is not expected to incur any excess costs or suffer undue financial hardship, the OCONUS TLA Authority's written guidance should require disapproval of any additional TLA period.

3. Economical TLA Administration

a. TLA costs should be minimized by effective OCONUS TLA Authority guidance and management attention at all levels to:

(1) Preclude the need for TLA,

(2) Shorten the authorization period, and

(3) Reduce the amount payable.

b. The following duties should be emphasized in the OCONUS TLA Authority's written guidance to help the member locate permanent QTRS. The guidance should ensure that:

(1) Existing GOV'T transient facilities are used to the fullest possible extent by a member and/or dependents upon PDS arrival and/or departure by usage policy that makes the GOV'T transient facilities more available to a member in a TLA status and/or dependents;

(2) Leased QTRS furnished and equipped for housekeeping for temporary occupancy by families upon arrival/departure are used when practical;

- (3) Contact with the local private sector permanent housing market is maintained and incoming families are furnished with reliable, realistic, and current information concerning private sector permanent housing location, availability, description, and cost;
- (4) Use of temporary lodgings, with facilities for preparing and consuming meals, is promoted;
- (5) The member is aware of GOV'T-owned furniture, maintained for temporary loan to arriving and departing families to occupy permanent GOV'T QTRS and/or private sector housing before the HHG arrive and continue occupancy after the HHG have been picked up for shipment before the member and/or dependents depart;
- (6) Permanent GOV'T QTRS are/private sector housing is occupied as soon as possible upon arrival and not vacated sooner than necessary upon departure, and cause TLA termination on the day before the date permanent GOV'T QTRS/private sector housing could reasonably be occupied, when permanent GOV'T QTRS are/private sector housing is not occupied;
- (7) That requirements for dependent travel authorizations contain advice to the member about appropriate items for inclusion unaccompanied baggage (e.g., blankets, linens, kitchen utensils, dishes, and tableware); and
- (8) An up-to-date list of approved temporary lodgings is maintained, and that lodging inspections are provided at appropriate intervals.

U9155 GENERAL TLA PAYMENT CONDITIONS

- A. TLA may be authorized when the TLA Authority determines it is mandatory that a member and/or dependents occupy temporary lodgings at personal expense.
- B. Non-occupancy of accommodations during a portion of the authorized TLA period does not prevent authorization for other days during the TLA period.
- C. An initial TLA period and an additional authorized TLA period do not have to be continuous.
- D. A member serving an unaccompanied tour is not authorized TLA when an available GOV'T dining facility/mess is not used and/or available GOV'T QTRS are not occupied because a non-command-sponsored dependent is in the PDS vicinity.
- E. TLA may be paid, in addition to TQSE or TQSA for a civilian employee, (see JTR, Ch 5, Part H) as long as TLA and TQSE/TQSA payments cover different expenses. Duplicate payment for the same expenses is not authorized. The couple may not each receive PCS travel and transportation allowance payments for the same purpose or expense ([54 Comp. Gen. 892 \(1975\)](#)).

U9157 ADVANCE PAYMENT

An advance may be paid for the number of authorized TLA days, after authorization is provided based on the appropriate directive(s) issued under par. U9150.

SECTION 7: TLA SPECIAL

U9195 TLA-SPECIAL

**TLA-Special requests for a higher lodging percentage factor under special/unusual circumstances may be authorized, only in advance of the dates required, by a determination issued by the PDTATAC, Chief.*

A. General. The percentage factors (65%, 100%, 35%, and 25%) authorized in par. U9185-E generally are adequate for TLA reimbursement given that TLA is not intended to cover 100% of the costs. However, these percentages, when applied to the locality per diem rate lodging ceiling, may be insufficient for a particular time period because lodging costs are anticipated to escalate due to a forthcoming special event. Examples of one-time special events that may warrant a TLA-Special include:

1. Natural or man-made disasters (including the disaster aftermath),
2. Summit meeting,
3. Strikes,
4. World's Fairs,
5. Conventions, or
6. Other similar events.

TLA's purpose is to partially reimburse a member for the more than normal expenses incurred while occupying temporary lodgings and is not intended, and must not be allowed to be used, for a member's personal enrichment.

B. Requirements. *Commands must send requests before the fact (i.e., before the days on which the higher rate is needed)* and must include the event dates (the dates for which a TLA-Special is required), hotel prices before and anticipated during the event stated in U.S. currency from at least 5 to 7 different hotels located in the affected area, the number of authorized travelers and dependents' ages, locations affected, recommended lodging amount(s), and documentation indicating the forthcoming special event occurrence. (47 Comp. Gen. 129 (1967) & [B-161396, 3 May 1976](#))

C. Submission Process. Three submission options are available to member's command to request TLA-Special authorization in advance of the requested dates.

1. Email: From the command by email to sla.specials@dtmo.pentagon.mil

2. Fax: COML: (703) 696-7890, DSN: (312) 426-2945

- *3. Mail:

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ATTN: Regulatory Team
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
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D. Limitations. TLA-Special cannot be approved after the days on which the higher TLA rate is needed have passed regardless of the circumstances. *No action is taken on a TLA-Special request received after the dates for which the TLA-Special rate is needed.*

1. A member who retires/separates, stays in the PDS area, and then moves at a later date is not eligible for TLA-Special. See par. U9150, **NOTE 1**.

*2. TLA-Special is not paid on behalf of a member who is in a TDY per diem status at the OCONUS home port awaiting arrival of the ship to which assigned. See par. U9160-C2. TLA-Special may be authorized for the accompanying dependents if authorized by the PDTATAC Chief.

3. TLA-Special is terminated the day after the date a member voluntarily refuses adequate GOV'T QTRS for personal convenience or reasons (e.g., building or purchasing a home).

E. TLA Examples. The percentages (see par. U9185-E, Step 1) for the M&IE portion of TLA remain at the locality per diem level in all the examples.

NOTE: Locality per diem rates used in the examples may not be the rates currently in effect and are for illustration purposes only.

TLA-SPECIAL EXAMPLE 1

A member, spouse, and 2 children under age 12 are due to arrive and occupy temporary lodging that does not contain facilities for preparing and consuming meals. The family occupies temporary QTRS 1-20 September before moving into a permanent dwelling 21 September. The room rates are anticipated to escalate for some part (or all) of the family's anticipated TLA period due to a national convention.

The lodging expense is \$650 per night for 1-5 September and \$300 per night for 6-20 September. The locality per diem rate is \$269 (\$186/\$83).

PDTATAC was advised by the command BEFORE the TLA expenses were encountered about the lodging cost increase.

TLA-SPECIAL COMPUTATION FOR 1-5 SEPTEMBER	
<i>PDTATAC issued a determination that the lodging factor would be 150% for one person and 75% for each additional dependent for 25 August – 5 September.</i>	
1. Determine maximum rates (given percent x locality rate). M&IE (150% is the 'normal' summary percentage for the four people) Lodging (this is 150% + 75% + 75% + 75%)	150% x \$83 = \$124.50 375% x \$186 = \$697.50
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount, \$650 vs. \$697.50.	\$650.00
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging amount, \$124.50 + \$650 = \$774.50. Pay \$774.50/day.	\$774.50/day x 5 days = \$3,872.50
TLA-SPECIAL COMPUTATION FOR 6-20 SEPTEMBER	
1. Determine the maximum rates (given percent x locality rate). M&IE Lodging	150% x \$83 = \$124.50 150% x \$186 = \$279.00
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount of \$300 vs. \$279.	\$279.00
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging amount, \$124.50 + \$279.00 = \$403.50. Pay \$403.50/day.	\$403.50/day x 15 days = \$6,052.50

TLA-SPECIAL EXAMPLE 2

A member with 3 dependents (spouse, 2 children (1 under and above 12)) asks the receiving command to request TLA-Special for 5 days because the lodging rate has increased beyond the locality lodging per diem rate due to an international sporting event. The member uses 2 temporary commercial lodging rooms to accommodate the family size.

The commercial lodging rate is \$200/night (including tax) for each room which does not contain facilities for preparing and consuming meals. The locality per diem rate is \$269 (\$186/ \$83).

PDTATAC was advised by the command BEFORE the TLA expenses were encountered about the lodging cost increase.

TLA-SPECIAL COMPUTATION WHEN MULTIPLE ROOMS ARE USED <i>PDTATAC issued a determination that the lodging factor would be 150% for one person and 75% for each additional dependent.</i>	
1. Determine maximum rates (given percent x locality rate). M&IE Lodging	160% x \$83 = \$132.80 375% x \$186 = \$622.50
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount of \$400 vs. \$622.50.	\$400
3. Add Step M&IE to selected Step 2 lodging amount, \$132.80 + 400 = \$532.80. Pay \$532.80/day.	\$532.80/day x 5 days = \$2,664

TLA-SPECIAL EXAMPLE 3

A member married to member couple, each under a PCS authorization/order to the same OCONUS PDS, asks the receiving command(s) to request TLA-Special for 5 days because the lodging rate has increased beyond the locality lodging per diem rate due to a national holiday. The members shared temporary commercial lodging facilities.

The commercial lodging rate is \$200/night (including tax) which does not contain facilities for preparing and consuming meals. Each member's lodging cost is \$100, half the room rate. The locality per diem rate is \$180 (\$125/ \$55).

PDTATAC was advised by the command BEFORE the TLA expenses were encountered about the lodging cost increase.

TLA-SPECIAL COMPUTATION FOR A MEMBER MARRIED TO MEMBER COUPLE W/O DEPENDENTS SHARING TEMPORARY LODGING FACILITIES <i>PDTATAC issued a determination that TLA-Special is not authorized for 100% of temporary lodging rate of \$100.00 because a member w/o dependent is limited to 65% of the lodging.</i>		
	MEMBER 1	MEMBER 2
1. Determine maximum rates (given percent x locality rate). M&IE Lodging	65% x \$55 = \$35.75 65% x \$100 = \$65	65% x \$55 = \$35.75 65% x \$100 = \$65
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount for each member of \$65 vs. \$100.	\$65	\$65
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging amount, \$35.75 + \$65 = \$100.75. Pay \$100.75/day.	\$100.75/day x 5 days = \$503.75	\$100.75/day x 5 days = \$503.75

TLA-SPECIAL EXAMPLE 4

A member without dependents departing the OCONUS PDS asks the receiving command to request TLA-Special for five days because lodging rates are expected to increase beyond the locality lodging per diem rate due to a national holiday.

The temporary commercial lodging rate is \$225.00/night (including tax) which does not contain facilities for preparing and consuming meals. The locality [per diem rate](#) is \$270 (\$195/ \$75).

PDTATAC was advised by the command BEFORE the TLA expenses were encountered about the lodging cost increase.

TLA-Special lodging per diem reimbursement is limited to \$146.25/night for five days based on 65% of the temporary ceiling lodging rate of \$225.

TLA-SPECIAL COMPUTATION FOR A MEMBER W/O DEPENDENT	
<i>PDTATAC issued a determination that TLA-Special is not authorized for 100% of temporary lodging rate of \$177.00 because a member w/o dependent is limited to 65% of the lodging.</i>	
1. Determine maximum rates (given percent x locality rate). M&IE Lodging	$65\% \times \$75 = \48.75 $65\% \times \$225 = \146.25
2. Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount of \$225 vs. \$146.25.	\$146.25
3. Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging amount, \$48.75 + \$146.25 = \$195. Pay \$195/day.	\$195/day x 5 days = \$975

PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

U10000 DEFINITION OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER

A. Sharer. For OHA/FSH-O purposes, a member who resides with one or more:

1. Members authorized an OHA/FSH-O; and/or
2. Federal civilian employees, including dependents, authorized a living QTRS allowance or COLA (in non-foreign OCONUS locations); and/or
3. Other persons, excluding the member's dependents, who contribute money toward the payment of rent, mortgage and/or utilities.

B. Owner-owned Multiple Occupancy Dwelling. A member/owner-owned duplex, triplex or other type of multiple-occupancy dwelling that is designed for separate private sector housing units for more than one household. The units within the dwellings ordinarily have separate addresses and/or entrances. For OHA/FSH-O purposes the member and dependent occupy a single separate unit within the dwelling and the other units are rented out.

C. Vicinity. When a member resides with the dependent and commutes daily to the PDS, the dependent resides in the PDS vicinity regardless of distance even if at a place in an adjacent country or state. A dependent is residing in the PDS vicinity if residing in the same country, state (when in Alaska or Hawai'i), or U.S. territory or possession within which the member's PDS is located. However, if the member has to maintain separate households, a dependent is not residing in the PDS vicinity for FSH purposes if maintaining two households is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process. A commander may submit a request for determination through channels to the appropriate office listed below:

1. Army - Through appropriate command channels to: HQDA (DAPE-PRC), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300;
2. Navy - Through appropriate command channels to: Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (M&P); Washington Staff/Chief of Naval Personnel (N-130E), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20350-2000;
3. Marine Corps - Through appropriate command channels to: Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5143;
4. Air Force - Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1PA, 2221 S. Clark Street, Crystal Plaza 6 Ste 500, Arlington, VA 22202-3745;
5. Coast Guard - Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801;
6. NOAA Corps - Directly to: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333;
7. U.S. Public Health Service - Directly to: Office of Commissioned Corps Force Management (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.

D. GOV'T QTRS. GOV'T QTRS include:

1. U.S. GOV'T owned or leased sleeping accommodations or family-type housing;
2. Lodgings or other QTRS obtained by U.S. GOV'T contract;
3. Dormitories or similar facilities operated by cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract;

4. Sleeping or housing facilities furnished by a foreign government on the GOV'T's behalf;
5. QTRS in a state-owned National Guard camp.

For BAH, GOV'T QTRS do not include transient facilities such as Temporary Lodging Facilities, guest houses, hostess houses, and hotel type accommodations built and/or operated by non-appropriated fund activities, or privatized housing.

E. Privatized Housing

1. GOV'T housing that has been privatized is, by definition (APP A), no longer GOV'T housing.
2. The Service Secretary determines which privatized housing is suitable for use as military family housing.
3. Each member occupying privatized housing is authorized a housing allowance in the same manner as a member not assigned to GOV'T QTRS.
4. See par. U10010-C for Navy Barracks Privatization Test.

F. Rental Charge. A charge made on account of occupancy. It does not include service charges for linens, cleaning, maintenance, etc.

G. Housing Allowance. Housing allowance includes:

1. Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). See pars. U10004 and U10006.;
2. Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA). See pars. U10020 – U10032.;
3. Family Separation Housing (FSH). See par. U10016.;
4. Basic Allowance for Housing Differential (BAH-Diff). See par. U10008.;
5. Partial Basic Allowance for Housing (Partial BAH). See par. U10010.;
6. Transit Rate (BAH-T). See par. U10012.; and
7. RC Rate (BAH-RC). See par. U10014.

U10002 HOUSING ALLOWANCE

A. General. Effective 1 January 1998, in general, a member on active duty entitled to basic pay is authorized a housing allowance based on the member's grade, dependency status, and location. Rates are prescribed depending on the member's grade and whether or not the member has a dependent. The location determines the rate, and whether the allowance is BAH or OHA. The BAH rate is based on median housing costs and is paid independently of a member's actual housing costs. It is paid for housing in the U.S. OHA is a cost-reimbursement based allowance. The authorization depends on other elements that factor in such as sharers, utilities, and owner vs. renter. OHA is paid for housing outside the U.S. The member is reimbursed actual rental costs NTE the maximum OHA rate for each locality and grade. The maximum OHA rates are established based on members' actual rental costs in those locations. FSH-B follows the BAH logic and FSH-O follows the OHA logic. Except for a partial housing allowance (see par. U10010) or BAH-Diff (see par. U10008), a housing allowance is not paid to a member assigned to adequate GOV'T QTRS. See Ch 10, Part D.

B. Rates. The Housing Allowance rates are divided into seven categories: BAH, OHA, FSH, BAH- Partial, BAH-Diff, BAH-Transit, and BAH-RC.

1. BAH Rates

- a. The PDTATAC determines adequate housing costs in a Military Housing Area (MHA) for all Uniformed Services' members authorized BAH. The determination for housing allowances is based upon the costs of adequate rental housing for civilians with comparable income levels in the same area.
- b. An adjustment in the BAH rates as a result of PDTATAC housing costs redetermination-in an MHA takes effect with the pay raise each year.
- c. A Military Housing Area (MHA) is defined geographically by Zip Code(s) within the U.S. Major military population areas are further identified by a combination of a 2-digit code for the state and a 3-digit numerical designation within the state. For small military population areas, Zip Codes are aggregated into areas of similar housing cost and designated as County Cost Groups.

2. OHA Rates

- a. The PDTATAC determines adequate housing costs in a locality for all Uniformed Services' members authorized OHA by location.
- b. OHA rate ceilings are calculated based on data provided by OCONUS commanders and actual rent data derived from pay systems.
- c. The PDS geographic location governs the OHA rate payable unless otherwise specified. Geographic locations are determined as outlined in APP K, Part I, par. A.

3. FSH Rates

- a. The FSH-B rate is the same as the without-dependent BAH rate for the same location.
- b. FSH-O is computed under the same rules and conditions as without-dependent OHA for the same location.

4. BAH Partial Rates. The BAH partial rate is the difference in basic pay between the 1980 and 1981 reallocated pay raises and what those basic pay rates would have been had the raise not been reallocated. The rate is fixed from those years and does not change.

5. BAH Diff Rates. The BAH Diff rate is defined as the difference in Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) with dependents and BAQ without dependents for the member's grade as of 31 December 1997, increased each year by the average pay raise percentage.

6. BAH Transit Rates. The BAH Transit rate varies depending on old PDS location and the housing allowance type received. Unless a location-specific rate is payable, the default Transit rate is the amount of BAQ on 31 December 1997 incremented by the average housing allowance increase each year.

7. BAH RC Rates. The BAH-RC rate for a period of active duty for a non-contingency of 30 or fewer days is the BAQ amount on 31 December 1997 incremented by the average housing allowance increase each year.

C. GOV'T QTRS. A housing allowance (except partial BAH or BAH-Diff) is not authorized to a member who is assigned to GOV'T QTRS appropriate to the member's grade, rank, or rating and adequate for the member and dependents, if with dependents. See Part D for GOV'T QTRS.

D. Dependency Determinations. For Army, Navy and Air Force determinations of dependency and relationships for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents are made by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). CMC-MPP-1 makes dependency and relationship determinations for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents for Marines. For non-DoD Services, see Service regulations. The Secretary Concerned or persons designated by the Secretary make determinations for primary dependents. The designee may re-delegate this authority. See Part B for dependents.

E. Housing Allowance Start and Stop Dates. See Tables U10A-1, U10A-2, and U10A-3.

1. Start. Unless specifically authorized elsewhere in this Chapter, PDS housing allowance eligibility starts on the member's reporting day to a new PDS. OHA *eligibility* starts on the day after the member's reporting day if, on the reporting day, a member is authorized MALT PLUS per diem. OHA starts on the day the member obtains private sector housing. The authorization document for OHA is DD Form 2367. See APP K.

2. Stop. Unless an extension is authorized/approved under par. U10402-B, or the PCS is a close proximity move as described in pars. U10400-B or U10402-B, OHA and FSH-O authorization stops:

- a. On the day the member's OHA lease terminates, or
- b. On the day before the member departs in compliance with a PCS authorization/order, or
- c. On the day before the home port change effective date (from OCONUS) of the ship or unit to which a member is assigned (see par. U10002-E3 below for exception), or
- d. Upon assignment to GOV'T QTRS.

3. Member without Dependents Undergoing a Home Port Change. Ordinarily the housing allowance based on the rate for the old home port stops on the day before the home port change effective date and a housing allowance based on the new home port rate begins on the home port change effective date. However, if a member without dependents is undergoing a home port change and the ship delays at the old home port after the home port change effective date (i.e., does not depart from the old home port before/on the home port change effective date) and QTRS on board the ship are not available (e.g., ship dry docked) a member without dependents is authorized a housing allowance based on the old home port until the day the member moves back aboard the ship.

DATE TO START BAH OR OHA—MEMBER WITH DEPENDENTS		
Table U10A-1		
Rule	If a member	then BAH or OHA at the with-dependent rate begins on the date /1
1	enlists, or is called to EAD	of enlistment or entry on active duty, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date.
2	is appointed to commissioned/warrant officer status	active duty pay begins, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date.
3	occupies GOV'T QTRS with dependents and QTRS assignment is terminated or member and dependents physically depart PDS pursuant to a PCS authorization/order	of QTRS assignment termination or PCS departure date, unless dependents continue to occupy the QTRS. If definite QTRS assignment was not required, then BAH or OHA begins the date QTRS are vacated.
4	occupies GOV'T QTRS with dependents and the QTRS are declared inadequate	on which designation of inadequacy of QTRS is effective, if the member and dependents continue to occupy such QTRS.
5	acquires a dependent (marriage, birth, adoption, etc.) / 2	the dependent is acquired, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for member and dependent(s) on that date /3. See Table U10E-3.
6	acquires a dependent while in an unauthorized absence status	the member is returned to a pay status after apprehension or surrender, if member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date /4.
7	claims dependent parent	determined /approved by authority shown in Table U10B-1 or U10B-2.
8	claims doubtful dependent	

NOTES:

1. Payment of OHA requires a lease agreement or mortgage.
2. Includes dependent acquired while member is on authorized leave.
3.
 - a. Applies to sole dependent of officer or enlisted member.
 - b. Applies to any dependent on whose behalf a member is authorized increased BAH or OHA.
 - c. BAH or OHA starts with date of member's marriage even though the marriage occurs on same day as divorce from another member.
 - d. When blood parents of an illegitimate child marry, the child becomes a legitimate dependent for BAH or OHA purposes.
4. If there has been any change in the status of dependents on whose behalf BAH or OHA existed on the date an unauthorized absence commenced, a member must reestablish the right to BAH or OHA.

DATE TO STOP HOUSING ALLOWANCES - CHANGES IN DEPENDENCY STATUS		
Table U10A-2		
Rule	If the sole dependent	then stop with-dependent housing allowance at midnight of the day
1	dies	of death.
2	is divorced (note 1)	of the final decree of divorce /1.
3	is a spouse in a voidable (not void) marriage which is dissolved by final annulment decree	before date of the decree. No BAH or OHA payment may be made on or after date of the decree, regardless of credits accrued and not paid. BAH or OHA paid before the date of decree may be retained /2.
4	is a spouse in an invalid (void) marriage	before discovery marriage invalidity. No housing allowance payment may be made on or after date of discovery, regardless of credits accrued and not paid. Retention of BAH or OHA paid before that time depends on validation under DoDFMR, Vol. 7A, section 5005.
5	becomes of age (except a child who is incapable of self-support because of mental or physical incapacity)	before the child's 21st birthday.
6	marries (regardless of age, or mental or physical incapacity)	of the child's marriage. This applies even though even though the child's marriage is to a Service member who is also authorized BAH or OHA on child's behalf for that date.
7	is adopted by a third party by interlocutory order or decree which has effected a changed legal relationship	before date of adoption /3.
8	is adopted by a third party and a final order or decree has been entered	before date of adoption.
9	enters military service	before day of entry into service.
10	is one who must be "in fact" dependent on member, and such dependency ceases	before date dependency ceases.

NOTES:

1. Applies also when an affinitive relationship between a member and stepchild ceases because of divorce from the child's parent.
2. Applies also when affinitive relationship between a member and stepchild ceases because of annulment of marriage.
3. A case involving an Army or Air Force member must be sent to DFAS-IN or DFAS-DE respectively, for determination as to whether or not an order of decree effected a changed legal relationship. A case involving Navy must be sent to DFAS-CL and a Marine Corps case is sent to Commandant of the Marine Corps, respectively. A case involving a USPHS member must be sent to: Director, Office of Commissioned Corps Operations: Attn: DEERS Determination.

DATE TO STOP BAH OR OHA - OTHER THAN DEPENDENCY STATUS CHANGES		
Table U10A-3		
Rule	A	B
	If a member	then stop BAH or OHA at 2400 hours of the day
1	is furnished GOV'T QTRS at the PDS, adequate for the member and dependents	before the day QTRS are assigned (or before the day occupancy begins, if definite assignment was not made) /1.
2	is furnished QTRS (cash or in kind) on behalf of the U.S., adequate for the member and dependents	before the day QTRS are furnished.
3	and dependents occupy inadequate GOV'T QTRS which are rehabilitated and designated as adequate GOV'T QTRS	before the effective date of re-designation as adequate GOV'T QTRS.
4	is absent without leave	See Table U10E-2.
5	is discharged or released from active duty	of discharge or release.
6	is retired	before the retirement effective date.
7	dies	of death.

NOTES:

1. When dependents are prevented from occupying the assigned QTRS because of an order from a competent authority, BAH or OHA continues until transportation is arranged for HHG and is available for the dependents (if prompt application is made), plus the normal travel time for dependents to reach the member's station via a direct route.

U10004 BAH RATE PROTECTION

The monthly BAH amount actually paid a member (i.e., BAH Rate Protection) must not be reduced as a result of changes in housing costs in the MHA, changes in the national monthly housing cost, or a member's promotion. If the member is demoted, or loses authorization for BAH, then the member's BAH rate protection at the current amount ceases on the date the member's eligibility to BAH for a given MHA terminates. The current BAH rate at the current duty location becomes the member's new protected BAH rate.

U10006 BAH ADVANCES

A. Authority. Effective April 20, 1999, when allowed by Service regulations, a member's commanding officer, the commanding officer's designated representative, or another designated official may authorize an advance BAH payment to pay advance rent, security deposits, and/or initial expenses incident to occupying other than GOV'T housing. The advance may be made at any time during a member's tour at the station concerned. It also may be authorized when a member has relocated housing incident to a PCS authorization/order. Ordinarily, the advance should not be disbursed more than 3 working days before the date payment under the lease or rental agreement must be made. Officers listed herein may authorize disbursement, in extenuating circumstances, more than 3 working days before the date payment must be made. The member must request the advance payment within 30 days after incurring the expense(s). Housing expenses must be documented to include copies of the lease, utility company statement and any other pertinent documentation available. Expenses identified by a member to be used in the purchase of any real estate or living accommodations must not be considered as a basis for authorizing or determining the amount of the advance.

B. Amount. The advance amount is determined based on the member's current prescribed BAH rate. The member's ability to repay the advance, considering other advances of pay which may have been made and any recurring pay deductions, must be considered in determining the advance amount. ***The BAH advance must not exceed a total of 3 months BAH expected to be accrued by the member.***

C. Liquidation. Advance liquidation should be at a rate of not less than equal monthly installments of one-twelfth of the amount advanced, per month for the next 12 months. Collection action should begin on the first day of the month after the advance payment has been made. When justified by the member and authorized by the member's commanding officer, the commanding officer's designated representative, or another service-designated official, the collection action beginning may be postponed for up to 3 months after the advance is made. Repayment may be spread over a period of more than 1 year, but NTE 24 months or the member's scheduled tour at the station concerned, whichever is shorter. Action must be taken immediately to recoup in a lump sum any advance made under par. U10006, that has been returned to the member by the landlord, upon receipt of information that the member has vacated the housing for which the advance was made. Any balance of an advance not returned by the landlord may be liquidated in monthly installments, if desired by the member, for a period over the balance of the months remaining on the existing loan repayment schedule.

D. Administrative Instructions. Each Service must prepare regulations for advance BAH payment administration to include the preparation and disposition of vouchers and supporting papers.

E. Special Circumstances. The Secretary Concerned or the Secretary's designee may authorize an advance BAH payment in circumstances and conditions other than those under par. U10006-A. Service regulations must prescribe liquidation procedures for advances made under par. U10006-E.

U10008 BAH DIFFERENTIAL (BAH-DIFF)

A. General. **BAH-DIFF** is the difference between the with- and without-dependents BAQ rates as of 31 December 1997 increased by the average pay raise percentage each year.

B. BAH Payable Amount Limitation for a Member Authorized BAH Solely on the Basis of the Member's Child Support Payment

1. If a member is assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS or a housing facility under a Uniformed Service's jurisdiction and is authorized BAH solely by reason of the member's adequate child support payment, the member is authorized only BAH-DIFF. *A member is not authorized BAH-DIFF if the child support payment is less than the member's applicable pay grade BAH-DIFF amount.*
2. A member not assigned to GOV'T QTRS, who is authorized BAH or OHA on behalf of a dependent solely on the basis of child support payment, is authorized a with-dependent housing allowance (either BAH or OHA).
3. A member is not authorized BAH or OHA solely on the basis of the member's child support payment when the child/children is/are in another active duty member's custody (including a former spouse), who is assigned to GOV'T owned/leased family-type QTRS (does not include privatized quarters) or is in receipt of a with-dependent housing allowance or on behalf of the child/children. See pars. U10120, U10122, U10124, U10126 and U10206.

U10010 PARTIAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH-Partial)

A. Partial Rates. A member without dependents who is assigned to single-type QTRS or is on field or sea duty, and is not authorized to receive a BAH or OHA, is authorized BAH-Partial at the rates provided at <http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/>.

B. Conditions

1. A member without dependents assigned to single-type adequate GOV'T QTRS at the permanent station and authorized BAH-Partial who is subsequently sick in a hospital (no PCS involved), continues to be authorized BAH-Partial while hospitalized.

2. Except as provided in pars. U10400-D and U10400-E, a member without dependents in grade E-6 or below who is offered an assignment of adequate GOV'T QTRS, or is assigned GOV'T QTRS but elects not to occupy such QTRS and resides in private QTRS at own expense, is considered to be assigned to GOV'T QTRS and not authorized BAH or OHA. Therefore, such member is authorized BAH-Partial.
3. BAH-Partial is not authorized during proceed time, leave en route, or travel time on PCS unless the member is assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS and not authorized BAH or OHA.
4. A member, married to another member, who has no dependents other than the spouse is authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS and is not authorized BAH or OHA at the full rate. However, such a member assigned to family-type GOV'T QTRS is not authorized BAH-Partial.
5. A member occupying single-type GOV'T QTRS whose dependents reside in family-type GOV'T QTRS, is not authorized BAH or OHA at the full rate and therefore, is authorized BAH-Partial, provided the family QTRS are not assigned under the member's eligibility.
6. A single member without dependents is not authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to family-type GOV'T QTRS.
7. A member without dependents confined in a guardhouse, brig, or correctional barracks who was assigned to single-type, GOV'T QTRS before confinement and remains assigned to such QTRS during confinement is authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
8. A member without dependents who is restrained in a status of arrest in assigned single-type GOV'T QTRS, and therefore not authorized BAH or OHA, is authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
9. A member without dependents permanently assigned to a hospital for treatment and assigned QTRS in the hospital is authorized BAH-Partial.
10. A member married to another member, if neither member has other dependents, who is assigned to sea duty and occupies GOV'T family QTRS assigned to the spouse when the ship is in port, is a member without dependents assigned to QTRS on the ship and is not authorized BAH or OHA but is authorized BAH-Partial.
11. A member without dependents who is ordered PCS to confinement in a guard-house, brig, correctional barracks, or to additional training in a retraining or rehabilitation facility, is assigned to certain QTRS therein and is not authorized BAH or OHA. Such member is Authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
12. A member without dependents assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS between PDSs and not authorized BAH or OHA is authorized BAH-Partial.
13. Effective 20 April 1999, a member without dependents is not authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to GOV'T single-type QTRS (including GOV'T-leased QTRS) that exceed the minimum standards of single QTRS for the member's grade.
14. A member paying child support and receiving BAH-DIFF is not a member without dependents and therefore is not authorized BAH-Partial.

C. Navy Barracks Privatization Test. Under the authority in 10 USC §2881a, the Navy is conducting a limited test of barracks privatization. The privatized barracks are defined as GOV'T QTRS for the purposes of the test. For a member occupying the privatized barracks, a special BAH-Partial rate equal to a percentage of the PDS locality BAH without-dependents rate for the member's grade is established. The following locations and rates apply.

1. San Diego starting 1 October 2006 a special BAH-Partial rate equal to 34% for double occupancy of the QTRS and 68% for single occupancy.

2. Hampton Roads, Virginia area which includes both the Hampton/Newport News and the Norfolk/Portsmouth MHAs starting in 1 April 2007 a special BAH-Partial rate equal to 66% for occupancy of existing Unaccompanied Housing and 74% for occupancy of new construction privatized housing (two-bedroom, two-bath market style).

U10012 TRANSIT HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH-T)

A Transit housing allowance rate is a temporary housing allowance paid while a member is in a travel or leave status between PDSs, provided the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS. The Transit rate continues during proceed time and authorized delays en route, including TDY en route. See par. U10416.

U10014 RESERVE COMPONENT RATE (BAH-RC)

RC BAH rates are established by the SECDEF and are determined and set forth in par. U10002-B1. The RC BAH Rate is the housing allowance authorized for an RC member called or ordered to active duty for 30 or fewer days except for an RC member called to active duty for a contingency. An RC member called to active duty for a contingency is authorized the BAH/OHA rate even for tours of 30 or fewer days. See par. U10428.

U10016 FAMILY SEPARATION HOUSING (FSH)

The Family Separation Housing (FSH) allowance is payable to a member-with-dependents for added housing expenses resulting from separation from the dependents when a member is assigned to an OCONUS PDS (see par. U10414), or incident to an assignment in the CONUS when dependent travel is delayed or restricted. See pars. U5222-N and U10406.

U10018 TEMPORARY BAH INCREASE

A. General. The SECDEF may prescribe a temporary increase in BAH rates in an area declared as a major disaster area by the President or at an INSTALLATION experiencing a sudden increase in the number of members assigned. Payment of the higher BAH is only effective for a MHA or zip code within a County Cost Group approved on or after 31 May 2006. ***This authority expires 31 December 2009.***

B. Eligibility. A temporary increase in BAH rates results in members assigned to the same Zip Code being eligible for two different BAH rates, depending on the member's certification of higher costs. To receive the higher BAH rate, a member must certify to the Secretary Concerned that the member has incurred higher housing costs in an MHA by reason of a major disaster or sudden increase of military personnel assigned to an INSTALLATION. The law requires that the member certify that higher costs have been incurred.

C. Member Certification. Once an MHA area is approved for an increased BAH rate, a member eligible for an increased allowance must document housing cost. The certification must be in a form acceptable to the approval authority. The member's certification must show rent, or mortgage expense in the case of homeowners, utility expenses and insurance costs (renters or homeowners).

D. Approval. The approval authority is at a level specified through the Secretarial Process. If the total housing expense (rent or mortgage, utility expenses and insurance costs) from the member's certification is:

1. Less than the existing BAH rate, no increase is authorized. In this situation, the existing allowance fully covers the documented expenses, even though the member may be paying more after the disaster/influx of military personnel than before.
2. Higher than the existing BAH rate, then the member is authorized the increased rate effective the earlier of the approval date of the MHA for an increased rate or the date of the member's expenses certification, provided the member's certification does not predate the implementation effective date.

E. Termination. The increased allowance is paid through the day before the next regular rate change effective date for the area at which time the new regular BAH rate applies. There is no rate protection of temporary increased rates. The following examples reflect how changes during the temporary rate increase period affect the BAH paid. If a member receiving a temporary BAH rate increase:

1. Is Promoted. The member must certify that housing costs exceed the regular BAH rate for the higher grade, otherwise change to the regular BAH rate for the higher grade.
2. Is Demoted. The member must certify that housing costs exceed the regular BAH rate for the lower grade, otherwise change to the regular BAH rate for the lower grade.
3. Has a Dependency Change. The member must recertify housing costs for purposes of comparing applicable rates.

F. Locations. Any locations that a temporary BAH rate increase is approved are listed below:

1. *No Locations at this Time*

U10020 OHA - GENERAL

NOTES:

1. *The OHA program is designed to help offset housing expenses for a member and/or dependent at the assigned overseas location. The reported housing must be the actual residence that the member occupies and from which the member commutes to and from work on a daily basis. If a member is assigned on an unaccompanied tour or has a Secretarial waiver and is authorized OHA for a dependent who lives separately, the reported housing must be the actual residence that the member's dependent occupies.*
2. *OHA is not intended, and must not be allowed to be used, for the personal enrichment of a member by including costs incurred for procuring/adapting a residence to accommodate renters or for vacation purposes.*
3. *OHA is intended to assist in paying for private sector leased/owned housing for a member and/or a member's dependent.*
4. *Disciplinary action addressed in par. U1055 applies when housing allowances are used for other than the purpose intended.*

A. Purpose. OHA is authorized to assist a member in defraying the housing costs incurred incident to assignment to a PDS outside the U.S. Every member authorized to live in private sector leased/owned housing is authorized OHA, provided an Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report (DD Form 2367) is completed by the member and approved by the senior officer of the Uniformed Services in the country concerned, or the individuals or offices designated for that purpose by the senior officer. See APP M, Part III for responsibilities of the Overseas Command/Commander, Senior Officer and Country Allowance Coordinator. There are two housing allowance types paid under the OHA:

1. An up-front, lump-sum MIHA for those who qualify (see par. U10026 and APP N for rules and information), and
2. A monthly OHA including a utility/recurring maintenance allowance.

The location MIHA is based on the average "move-in" costs for members. The monthly OHA is the rent, up to the rental allowance at a PDS, plus the utility/recurring maintenance allowance.

B. OHA and 'MALT-Plus'. OHA is not payable on the arrival day when 'MALT-Plus' per diem is paid.

C. Allowances Payable. The amount of OHA payable is determined as shown in APP K, unless a special determination jointly issued by the Secretary Concerned and the PDTATAC Chair authorizes a different rate due to special circumstances. OHA rates are based on a member's PDS except as indicated in Part E or par. U10400-B or U10402-B.

D. OHA Calculation. OHA is calculated by comparing the member's monthly rent to the prescribed locality rental allowance, selecting the lesser of the two, and then adding the appropriate utility/recurring maintenance allowance. MIHA is paid at the start of the OHA. For detail computation procedures, see APP K.

U10022 OHA DETERMINING MONTHLY RENT

A. General. Monthly rent is the amount paid per month by a member for possession and use of private sector housing. (The term "private sector housing" includes a mobile home or boat.) The rent stated in the lease or as otherwise agreed to by the landlord and the tenant in a written document must be used in computing the OHA. The cost of a separate lease for parking at/in the vicinity of the private sector housing also should be added to the member's dwelling lease amount in determining the member's total rental amount. ***The cost of parking at the place of duty is not included in rent.*** The following rules apply for determining rent.

1. A recurring condominium or homeowner association fee, paid by the member, is prorated to a monthly charge and incorporated into the member's rent.
2. See par. U10022-C for a member-owned dwelling place.
3. A sharer's monthly rent is determined by dividing the total monthly rent by the number of sharers occupying the dwelling.
4. ***In an arrangement by which a member pays rent in advance and the landlord agrees to reimburse the member all or substantially all of the rental money at the end of the lease agreement, the amount of rent used in computing a member's OHA is zero.***
5. Re-compute OHA if/when the rent changes.

B. Sharers. See NOTE below. A sharer is authorized up to the maximum rental allowance set for a member-without-dependents unless accompanied by one or more dependents. A sharer accompanied by dependent(s) is authorized up to the maximum rental allowance set for a member-with-dependents. Compute the OHA to which each sharer is authorized by adding the:

1. Sharer's prorated share of the rent paid or the maximum rental established for the sharer's grade and locality, whichever is less, plus
2. Prorated monthly Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance.

A member authorized MIHA "Miscellaneous" (see par. U10026 and APP N for specific rules) receives a full rather than prorated allowance. ***Only one sharer may claim reimbursement for any individual rent or security-related expense.***

NOTE: A renter living in a completely separate unit of an owner-owned multiplex dwelling as described in par. U10022-C4 is not a "sharer", and OHA is determined as if the renter occupied an unattached unit.

C. Private Sector Housing Owned

1. Divide the actual purchase price (not an appraised value, the actual purchase price) of the private sector housing by 120 to derive the monthly "rent" for a member-owned private sector dwelling. ***Settlement costs, fees for title search, other legal and related costs are not included in determining the actual purchase price.*** ***NOTE: For a member in the Azores who purchased a home on/after 1 January 1999, divide the purchase price by 24.***

2. The amount of any personal installment type loans and real estate equity loans obtained for renovating, or repairing the current dwelling place are added to the actual purchase price before determining the rent.

a. Definitions:

(1) Renovating: Restoring to a previous condition, as by remodeling.

(2) Repairing: Restoring to sound condition after damage or injury. Fixing, setting right, renewing or refreshing.

b. *A loan used to furnish or decorate the home (including such things as addition of a Jacuzzi or pool to a home purchased without such an amenity) or a loan for personal reasons, or credit card or line of credit loan must not be used.*

c. To determine the monthly [OHA](#) rental equivalency when adding a loan described in par. U10022-C2a, add the loan amount to the original mortgage amount, divide the new total by 120 (24 for the Azores), and the new 'rental equivalency' *starts from the loan start date*.

d. The Service concerned must adjudicate loans for purposes not specified above. The request with all documentation should be submitted by the member's command to:

(1) Army - Through appropriate command channels to: HQDA (DAPE-PRC), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300;

(2) Navy - Through appropriate command channels to: Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (M&P); Washington Staff/Chief of Naval Personnel (N-130E), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20350-2000;

(3) Marine Corps - Through appropriate command channels to: Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5143;

*(4) Air Force - Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1PA, 2221 S. Clark Street, Crystal Plaza 6 Ste 500, Arlington, VA 22202-3745;

(5) Coast Guard - Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801;

(6) NOAA Corps - Directly to: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333;

(7) U.S. Public Health Service - Directly to: Office of Commissioned Corps Force Management, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061

3. If a member (or the member's dependent) inherits a dwelling or residence or otherwise receives it without purchasing it, the dwelling or residence purchase price is \$0. In this case, the member is authorized to receive the [utility/recurring maintenance allowance](#).

NOTE: If a member obtains a mortgage on the inherited dwelling or residence specifically i.e., for home improvements or takes out a loan to pay inheritance taxes on the residence or dwelling, the mortgage or loan cost may be used as an OHA housing cost.

4. If the dwelling is a member-owned multiplex unit, the allowance claimed is based on the multiplex unit's square footage percentage occupied by the member and dependent, times the same percent of the purchase price divided by 120. If the member and dependent live in 1,200 square feet (40%) of a 3,000 total square feet multiplex unit, and the total purchase price of the multiplex unit is \$300,000, divide the multiplex unit actual purchase price by 120 to derive the monthly 'rent' for the multiplex unit which is \$2,500. \$1,000 (40% of \$2,500) may be claimed for [OHA](#). Renters of other units within the multiplex unit are not 'sharers'.

5. If the member-owned dwelling place is a mobile home or boat, the monthly lot rental or berthing fee paid is added to this amount.

D. Maximum Rental Allowance. Use the [Overseas Housing Allowance Query](#) to obtain the maximum amount of monthly rent considered in computing the amount of OHA payable.

U10024 OHA UTILITY/RECURRING MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

A. Monthly Allowance

1. The utility/recurring maintenance allowance for each OHA locality is found in the [OHA locality tables](#) and is based on member (with-dependent) reported expenses of members who pay all or a majority of their utilities,
2. Covers the utility costs for 80 percent of the members assigned to an area,
3. Is paid to sharers (see par. U10000-A) on a pro rated amount of the net allowance,
4. Is paid to a member 'without dependent' (who *is not* a sharer) at 75 percent of the 'with-dependent' rate, and
5. Is eliminated or paid on a percentage basis if all, or part, of the utilities are included in rent.

B. Rent Includes All, No, or Some Utilities

1. When rent does not include utilities or the member is a homeowner, the member is authorized the utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A above.
2. When rent includes all utilities, a member is not authorized the utility/recurring maintenance allowance. However, the appropriate utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A above is added to the member's rental allowance when computing the OHA.
3. When rent includes some utilities, a member is not authorized all of the utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A. The locality *climate code* and the *utility point score* determine the utility/recurring maintenance allowance amount percentage the member is authorized. However, the amount to which the member is not authorized is to be added to the appropriate rental allowance ceiling when computing OHA.

a. Climate Codes. Locality climate codes are indicated on each [OHA locality table](#). The three climate codes include:

- (1) Code 1 (Cold) - long-term mean temperature of 45 degrees F or colder,
- (2) Code 2 (Moderate) - neither Code 1 nor Code 3, and
- (3) Code 3 (Hot) - long-term average of 69 degrees F or warmer, except when long-term average for one or more months of the year drops to 45 degrees F or colder. In such instances, a climate code of 2 is assigned.

b. Climate Code Utility Points. Use the table below to determine the correct climate code and then credit the member with appropriate points for each utility/service that is not included in the rent. The final number is the member's total utility point score.

Climate Code Utility Points See APP K OHA Locality Tables			
	3	2	1
	Hot	Moderate	Cold
Electricity	3	3	3
Heating	1	2	3
Air Conditioning	3	2	1
Water	1	1	1
Trash Disposal	1	1	1

c. Utility Point Percentage. After determining the total *utility point score* use the table below to determine the correct percentage of the utility/recurring maintenance allowance to be paid.

Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance Payment Percentage	
0	0
1-2	25
3-4	65
5-9	100

U10026 MOVE-IN HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MIHA)

A. General. MIHA exists to defray the move-in costs associated with occupying private sector leased/owned housing covered under the OHA program. MIHA is not payable to a member occupying GOV'T or GOV'T leased housing. MIHA does not cover move-out costs. In most cases, a member authorized OHA is authorized MIHA. DD Form 2556 (Move-In Housing Allowance Claim (May 1999)) must accompany all MIHA claims. Instructions for completing this form are found in APP N. Various surveys are sent to members in private sector leased housing to document utility and move-in expenses. They are discussed in APP N.

B. Rules and Information

1. To be authorized a MIHA, a member must be eligible for OHA.
2. An eligible member is authorized MIHA for one dwelling during a tour at a PDS unless a GOV'T-funded local move occurs and the member occupies another dwelling covered by OHA.
3. There is no MIHA when a:
 - a. local move would otherwise initiate a second or subsequent MIHA payment request unless that move is GOV'T funded;
 - b. member complies with a PCS authorization/order but remains in the same dwelling place (includes an RC member called/ordered to active duty who is authorized OHA based on the primary residence at the time called/ordered to active duty); or
 - c. member moves from GOV'T QTRS to private sector housing under par. U5355-A5 (Separation) or par. U5355-A6 (Retirement).

4. The three MIHA payment types are:

- a. MIHA/Miscellaneous. MIHA/Miscellaneous reflects average expenditures made and reported by members to make their dwellings habitable. See APP K, Part III to determine reportable/non-reportable MIHA Miscellaneous expenses and the Overseas Housing Allowance Query to determine the amount payable. ***Only one payment is authorized at a PDS unless par. U10026-B2 applies.***
- b. MIHA/Rent. ***Homeowners are ineligible.*** MIHA/Rent totally covers reasonable rent-related expenses. These are fixed, one-time, nonrefundable charges levied on behalf of the landlord, or a foreign GOV'T that the member must pay before/upon occupying a dwelling. ***Expenses deferred until lease termination are not MIHA/Rent.*** Examples are real estate agents' fees, redecoration fees if paid up-front, and/or one-time lease tax. Advance rental payments, refundable deposits, and/or recurring costs are not covered. All unreasonable expenditures, as determined by the authorizing/approving official, must be disallowed. See APP N, par. C.
- c. MIHA/Security. MIHA/Security covers reasonable security-related expenses for a member assigned to an area in which dwellings must be modified to minimize terrorist and/or criminal threat. See APP N, par. D for qualifying areas and additional rules.

5. Each member authorized OHA receives MIHA/Miscellaneous. To receive MIHA/Miscellaneous, the member must have the Service-designated official complete Block 11 of DD Form 2367. Additionally, a member with qualifying rent, or security related expenses, must complete and submit DD Form 2556. Each member classified as a sharer and authorized MIHA is authorized the full MIHA/Miscellaneous allowance. However, for MIHA/Rent and MIHA/Security, only one sharer may claim the individual expense. See APP N, pars. C and D.

6. Acceptable claims for MIHA/Rent and/or MIHA/Security must include proper documentation and all receipts for expenditures of \$75 or more.

U10028 OHA ADVANCE PAYMENT

See APP K, Part 2 for detailed information on areas with rental advance protection under OHA.

A. Authorization

1. Advance Rent – General. Rental payments should be made on a month-to-month basis whenever possible. This avoids the need for rental advances.
2. Advance Rent of Less than 4 Months, Security Deposits, and/or Initial Expenses. The Senior Officer in-country or the Senior Officer's designated representative, may authorize an advance OHA payment to pay advance rent (see par. U10028-A3), security deposits, and/or MIHA-related expenses incident to occupying private sector housing. ***Personal preference is not grounds for authorizing advance rent payment.*** Advance OHA is not authorized for lease arrangements in which the member lives rent free after making a one-time payment to the landlord with the anticipation that the rental amount is to be either completely or substantially refunded at lease termination. The advance may be made at any time during the member's tour. It also may be authorized when a member has located housing incident to a PCS authorization/order.
3. Advance Rent of 4 or More Months. Rental advances of 4 or more months (but not for period longer than a year) may be made only for the locations authorized by PDTATAC in Part IV, APP K. Requests for a rental advance of 4 or more months are considered for approval if the requirement for the advance rent exists due to:
 - a. law,
 - b. local custom for everyone, including local nationals, or

c. economic (i.e., market) conditions preclude availability of secure housing, as confirmed by the U.S. Embassy.

Requests to add authorized locations at which rental advances of 4 or more months may be paid must be submitted to PDTATAC. Requests must be forwarded through the Country Senior Officer/Command in APP M and the Combatant Commander to:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
*ATTN: Chief
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

NOTE: Once a location is authorized by PDTATAC and listed in APP K, Part IV as a country currently designated as authorized for rental advances, the Senior Officer in country or designee may authorize individual requests.

B. Amount. The amount to be advanced must be determined on the basis of housing expenses, including advance rent and a security deposit, and the authorized OHA. Housing expenses must be documented. The member's ability to repay the advance must be considered in determining the advance amount. While the amount to be advanced should not exceed the estimated OHA total for 1 year, a larger amount may be authorized if needed to cover anticipated housing expenses. In no case may the advance payment exceed the:

1. Anticipated housing expenses, or
2. OHA accruable for the member's tour at that PDS,

whichever is less. ***Expenses identified by a member for purchase of real estate or living accommodations must not be considered.***

C. Liquidation

1. Repayment within 12 Months. Liquidating monthly installments should be at a rate of one-twelfth of the amount advanced for the next 12 months. Collection action should begin on the first day of the month after payment of the advance.
2. Postpone Collection Start. When justified by the member and authorized by an official designated by the Service concerned, the collection start may be postponed for up to 3 months after the advance. Repayment may be spread over a period of more than 1 year, but NTE the member's tour at the PDS.
3. Advance Rent Repayment Postponement until the Member Vacates Housing. An official designated by the Service concerned may postpone repayment of advance rent until the member vacates the housing for which the advance rent was paid. Repayment period may be postponed if earlier repayment during the member's tour would create an excessive economic burden.
4. Security Deposit Repayment Postponement until the Member Vacates Housing. An official designated by the Service concerned may postpone repayment of the entire amount of a security deposit of \$500 or more until the member vacates the housing for which the security deposit was paid. Repayment period may be postponed if earlier repayment during the member's tour would create an excessive economic burden.
5. Recouping Lump Sum Returned by Landlord. Action to recoup in a lump sum any advance made under par, U10028 that has been returned to the member by the landlord must be taken immediately upon receipt of information that the member has vacated the housing for which the advance was made. Any balance of an advance not returned by the landlord may be liquidated in monthly installments, if desired by the member, for a period over the balance of the months remaining on the member's existing loan repayment schedule.

6. Currency Fluctuation Effects. The Service concerned absorbs any loss due to currency fluctuations when liquidating advance security deposits. The member must pay to the Service any gains due to currency fluctuations. These currency protection procedures for security deposits apply without regard to the provisions for protection of rent advances in par. U10028-D.

7. Pay System Reporting of Monthly Rent. In countries in which rate protection for advance rent has not been implemented, per par. U10028-D, the monthly rent entered in the respective pay system should be entered in dollars when a member has taken an advance for rent.

D. Advance Rent Currency Rate Protection. Rate protection may be provided for certain countries that have undergone a significant currency fluctuation. Protection is accomplished by comparing the OHA rate with the exchange rate in effect at the time the member received the advance with the greater of:

1. The rental allowance in effect at the time of the advance, or
2. Any higher rental allowance implemented during the repayment period of the advance.

Currency rate protection for additional advances is calculated using the exchange rate in effect at the time the new advance is paid. In countries in which rate protection for advance rent has been implemented, monthly rents for an advance rent are processed in dollars. See Service regulations for currency fluctuation loss/gain procedures.

U10030 OHA COMPUTATION DATA

OCONUS commanders, or their designated representatives, must periodically furnish data required for authorizing, changing and terminating [OHA](#) for each OCONUS locality within their jurisdictions as required by [APP M](#), or PDTATAC.

U10032 A MEMBER OCCUPYING A GOV'T TRAILER OR RENTAL GUARANTEE HOUSING AND OHA

Unless provided in APP K, no housing allowance is payable to a member occupying housing constructed under the Rental Guarantee Housing Program as authorized in Sec. 302 of the Act of 14 July 1952 (66 Stat. 622) or GOV'T owned trailers purchased under Sec. 408 of the Act of 1 September 1954 (68 Stat. 1126), or any other statute.

SECTION 10: UNUSUAL MEMBER STATUS**U10418 MEMBER IN A MISSING STATUS**

A. Member without Dependent. A member without a dependent carried in a missing status is authorized without-dependent BAH. Pay PDS location-based without-dependent BAH for a member whose PDS is in the U.S. If the member had a Secretarial waiver to receive former PDS-based BAH due to a low-cost or no-cost PCS (par. U10400-B), that Secretarial waiver-based BAH rate continues. Pay HOR location-based without-dependent BAH for a member whose PDS is outside the U.S. If both the member's HOR and PDS are outside the U.S. then pay the without-dependent BAH-Transit rate. See DoDFMR, Vol. 7A, par. 340302.

B. Member with Dependent. A member with dependent continues to receive the housing allowance to which authorized upon entering the missing status. If the dependent relocates, pay the dependent's location-based with-dependent housing allowance.

U10420 MEMBER IN CONFINEMENT

When a member who is serving a court-martial sentence to confinement is transferred to a confinement facility, then the BAH/OHA rate is based on the dependent's location if the member is authorized a housing allowance (other than partial BAH) while confined. See DoDFMR, Vol. 7A, Chapter 1. For FSH, see JFTR, Table U10E-11, rule 9. For a member without dependent who is sentenced to confinement pursuant to a court-martial, see Table U10E-1, rule 22 and pars. U10010-B7 and U10010-B8 for BAH-partial rules. ***Table U10E-11, rule 9, Table U10E-1, rule 22 and pars. U10010-B7 and U10010-B8 do not apply to a member in civil or foreign confinement.*** A member is not authorized a housing allowance unless authorized basic pay and all rules concerning whether a member in civil or foreign confinement (including pre-trial) is authorized basic pay are covered in DoDFMR, Vol. 7A, Chapter 1.

U10422 HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR A MEMBER IN A NONPAY STATUS

A. Unauthorized Absence. For a period not to exceed 2 months from the first day of absence, a housing allowance at the rate being credited a member in grades E-1, E-2, E-3, and E-4 (4 or fewer years' service) at the time absence commenced may be paid to a dependent on whose behalf BAH or OHA was claimed prior to commencement of the absence, if all of the following conditions exist:

1. The member has been in an unauthorized absence status for more than 29 consecutive days.
2. The dependent applies for BAH or OHA payment and the application is received by appropriate authority within 3 months after the date absence commenced. In the case of a dependent living outside the U.S. and claiming OHA, a copy of the current lease agreement must be included. Housing expenses must be incurred for OHA payment.
3. If the Service Concerned fails to provide timely notice to a dependent of the right to apply for BAH/OHA, a waiver of the 3-month stipulation in par. U10422-A2, may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the authority specified in par. U10422-B1. If such a waiver is granted, payment may only be made on those applications received within 2 months after the dependent is properly notified of the right to submit such an application.
4. No positive information has been received that the dependent is residing with or has joined the member at the place of absence.
5. If a member is assigned Gov't family-type quarters (adequate or inadequate), no BAH or OHA payment may be made. BAH or OHA payment may not be made directly to the member on a dependent's behalf. Payment must be made only to the dependent.

B. Pretrial Confinement in a Foreign Country. For a member in pretrial confinement in a foreign country, BAH or OHA payment is authorized as follows:

1. An enlisted member in grade E-1, E-2, E-3, or E-4 (4 or fewer years' service). Payment is authorized for a period not to exceed 2 months under the conditions stated in par. U10422-A. For any subsequent months there must be showing of hardship on the dependent and authorization/approval on a case-by-case basis as

a. Army:

Director, DFAS-PMTA/IN
8899 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-2301

b. Navy:

Deputy Chief of Naval Operation (N-130)
2 Navy Annex
Washington, DC 20370-2000

*c. Air Force:

HQ USAF/A1PA
2221 S. Clark Street
Crystal Plaza 6 Ste 500
Arlington, VA 22202-3745

d. Marine Corps:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MRP-1)
3280 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5143

e. Coast Guard:

Commandant (CG-1222)
U.S. Coast Guard
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2. An enlisted member in grade E-4 (over 4 years' service) or above (cases in which there has been a showing of hardship on the dependent). The approval authority for the initial and any subsequent payments is as in par. U10422-A1. No payment may be made without the approval of such authority on a case-by-case basis. Payments are subject to the conditions stated in par. U10422-B1a. See Service regulations for procedures on processing claims.

C. Excess Leave. BAH or OHA may continue to be paid to a member in grade E-4 (4 or fewer years of service) or below, with dependents, for a period not to exceed 2 months during which an excess-leave status exists unless it is anticipated that member will not return to duty, for example, appellate leave. The 2-month period is computed from the first day of excess leave.

APPENDIX A

PART II: ACRONYMS

(C) means applicable only to JTR (U) means applicable only to JFTR

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
AEA	Actual Expense Allowance
AMC	Air Mobility Command
AO	Authorizing/Order-Issuing Official or Approving Official
AOR	Area of Responsibility
AT	Annual Training (U)
ATM	Automated Teller Machine
AWOL	Absent Without Leave (U)
BAH	Basic Allowance for Housing (U)
BAH-DIFF	Basic Allowance for Housing – Differential (U)
BAH-RC	Basic Allowance for Housing - Reserve Component (U)
BAH-T	Basic Allowance for Housing – Transit (U)
BAS	Basic Allowance for Subsistence (U)
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
–CA	Unrestricted capacity-controlled airfare (fare basis code). The unrestricted capacity controlled airfare, or “-CA”, differs from the unrestricted airfare (YCA) only in that the airline can limit the number of seats offered at the unrestricted capacity controlled airfare. See APP P, Part 1, par. A2.
CAP	Civilian Advisory Panel
CBA	Centrally Billed Government Travel Charge Card Account
CBCA	Civilian Board of Contract Appeals
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COLA	Cost-of-Living Allowance
CONUS	Continental United States
CONUS COLA	Continental United States Cost of Living Allowance (U)
COSTEP	Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program
COT	Consecutive Overseas Tour (U)
CSRS	Civil Service Retirement System (C)
CTD	Civilian Travel Determination (C)
CTO	(Contracted) Commercial Travel Office
CWT	Hundred weight
DAS	Defense Attaché System
DDESS	Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary School
DIA	Defense Intelligence Agency
DLA	Dislocation Allowance (U)
DoD	Department of Defense
DoDD	Department of Defense Directive
DoDDS	Department of Defense Dependents Schools (C)
DoDEA	Department of Defense Education Activity
*DoDFMR	*Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation
DoDI	Department of Defense Instruction
DOHA	Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (U)
DoJ	Department of Justice (U)
DoN	Department of the Navy (includes USN and USMC)
*DoS	*Department of State
DPM	Direct Procurement Method
DSSR	Department of State Standardized Regulations
DTOD	Defense Table of Official Distances
DTR	Defense Transportation Regulation

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
DTS	Defense Travel System
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EUM	Essential Unit Messing
EVT	Emergency Visitation Travel (C)
FAM	Foreign Affairs Manual (C)
FAST	Federal Automated System for Travel
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEML	Funded Environmental and Morale Leave
FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System (C)
FHA	Federal Housing Administration (C)
FSH	Family Separation Housing (U)
FSH-B	Family Separation Housing – BAH Based Location (U)
FSH-O	Family Separation Housing – OHA Based Location (U)
FTA	Foreign Transfer Allowance (C)
FTR	Federal Travel Regulation
FUTA	Federal Unemployment Tax Allowance (C)
FVT	Family Visitation Travel (C)
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (C)
GAO	Government Accountability Office (formerly General Accounting Office)
GARS	Government Administrative Rate Supplement
GMR	Government Meal Rate
GOV	Government-owned vehicle
GOV'T	(U.S.) Government
GSA	General Services Administration
GSBCA	General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals
GTCC	Government Travel Charge Card
GTR	Government Transportation Request (SF 1169)
HHG	Household Goods
HHS	Health and Human Services (U)
HHT	House Hunting Trip (C)
HOR	Home of Record
HOS	Home of Selection (U)
HP	Home Port (U)
HSTA	Home Service Transfer Allowance (C)
IADT	Initial Active Duty for Training (U)
IAW	In Accordance With
ICW	In Connection With
IE	Incidental Expenses
IBA	Individually Billed Government Travel Charge Card Account. <i>NOTE: Does not apply to any other form of personal credit card.</i>
IPCOT	In-Place Consecutive Overseas Tour (U)
IRC	Internal Revenue Code (C)
IRS	Internal Revenue Service (C)
ITA	Invitational Travel Authorization
ITDY	Indeterminate TDY (U)
ITO	Installation Transportation Officer
ITRA	Income Tax Reimbursement Allowance (C)
JFTR	Joint Federal Travel Regulations
JTF	Joint Task Force
JTR	Joint Travel Regulations
LPDCI	Living Pattern Data Collection Instrument (U)
LPQ	Living Pattern Questionnaire (U)
LPS	Living Pattern Survey (U)
LWOP	Leave Without Pay (C)
M&IE	Meals and Incidental Expenses

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
MALT	Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Transportation
MALT PLUS	Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Transportation Plus Flat Per Diem
MAP	Military Advisory Panel
MARS	Military Affiliate Radio System
MEA	Miscellaneous Expense Allowance (<i>C</i>)
MHA	Military Housing Area (<i>U</i>)
MIA	Missing in Action
MIHA	Move-in Housing Allowance (<i>U</i>)
MILAIR	Military Aircraft
MSC	Military Sealift Command (<i>C</i>)
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology (<i>C</i>)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (<i>Same as USNOAA</i>)
NTE	Not to exceed
NTS	Non-temporary Storage (<i>also referred to as Extended Storage</i>)
OC&IE	Organizational Clothing & Individual Equipment
OCONUS	Outside the Continental United States
OHA	Overseas Housing Allowance (<i>U</i>)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense
PBP&E	Professional Books, Papers and Equipment (<i>also referred to as PRO-Gear</i>)
PCS	Permanent Change of Station
PDS	Permanent Duty Station (<i>U</i>)
PDT	Permanent Duty Travel (<i>C</i>)
PDTATAC	Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
PDUSD (P&R)	Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)
PEB	Physical Evaluation Board (<i>U</i>)
PHS	Public Health Service (<i>Same as USPHS</i>)
PLEAD	Place from Which Entered (or Called) to Active Duty (<i>U</i>)
PMR	Proportional Meal Rate
POA	Privately Owned Automobile
POC	Privately Owned Conveyance
PoC	Point of Contact
POD	Port of Debarkation
POE	Port of Embarkation
POV	Privately Owned Vehicle
POW	Prisoner of War
PRO-Gear	Professional Gear (<i>also referred to as PBP&E</i>)
QTRS	Quarters
RAT	Renewal Agreement Travel (<i>C</i>)
RC	Reserve Component
RDD	Required Delivery Date (<i>U</i>)
RIT	Relocation Income Tax (<i>C</i>)
RPDCI	Retail Price Data Collection Instrument (<i>U</i>)
SDDC	(Military) Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
SEA	Subsistence Expense Allowance (<i>C</i>)
SECDEF	Secretary of Defense
SES	Senior Executive Service (<i>C</i>)
SIT	Storage in Transit
SMA	Separate Maintenance Allowance (<i>C</i>)
SR&R	Special Rest and Recuperative Absence (<i>U</i>)
SROTC	Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
SSN	Social Security Number
STB	Surface Transportation Board (<i>C</i>)
TCS	Temporary Change of Station (<i>C</i>)

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
TDRL	Temporary Disability Retired List (<i>U</i>)
TDY	Temporary Duty
TLA	Temporary Lodging Allowance (<i>U</i>)
TLE	Temporary Lodging Expense (<i>U</i>)
TMC	Travel Management Center
TMS	Travel Management System
TQSA	Temporary Quarters Subsistence Allowance (<i>C</i>)
TQSE	Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses (<i>C</i>)
TQSE(AE)	Actual Expense Reimbursement for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses (<i>C</i>)
TQSE(F)	Fixed Amount Reimbursement for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses (<i>C</i>)
UB	Unaccompanied Baggage
UN	United Nations
U.S.	United States
USC	United States Code
USNOAA	United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (<i>same as NOAA</i>)
USPHS	United States Public Health Service (<i>same as PHS</i>)
USSM	Under Secretary of State for Management (<i>C</i>)
UTD	Uniformed Travel Determination (<i>U</i>)
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs (<i>C</i>)
VAMC	Veterans Affairs Medical Center (<i>U</i>)
VPC	Vehicle Processing Center
WAE	When Actually Employed (<i>C</i>)
YCA	Unrestricted airfare (fare basis code). The unrestricted airfare, or “YCA”, has a last economy/coach seat on the aircraft availability to the traveler. See APP P, Part 1, par. A2.

PART 2: CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING A CONSUMABLE GOODS ALLOWANCE

A. The senior officer, in the area concerned, may submit a justified request for the area to be designated as an OCONUS location to which consumable goods may be shipped. The justified request is sent through the appropriate organizational channels to the following for approval:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
*Attn: Regulatory Team
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

B. The request must address the following questions:

1. How many members and DoD employees serve in the area?
2. Are State Department employees authorized a consumable goods shipment to the area?
3. What types of consumable goods are unavailable locally? Please include foodstuffs, household and personal items.
4. Is the quality of consumable goods available locally equivalent to the American counterpart? If not, explain.
5. What factors contribute to the lack of a reliable local source of adequate, necessary consumable goods? Are those factors likely to improve in the foreseeable future?
6. Do locally available fresh foods require preparation far different from the American counterpart of those foods? If so, explain.
7. Why do members/employees prefer/need to eat canned/dried/processed vegetables and produce versus locally available items?
8. Do food shortages require members/employees to wait in line for items for long periods?
9. Does State Department have a commissary or food locker/co-op at the station? If so:
 - a. What is the space and storage capacity of the facility?
 - b. What variety of items are available?
 - c. How often is it restocked?
 - d. Can members/employees place bulk orders for consumable goods through the facility?
 - e. How often are bulk orders placed?
 - f. Are the bulk orders received on time?
10. Who is the PoC for this request? Please include **commercial** phone and fax numbers, and email address, if available.

NOTE: The high price of consumable goods in an area is not a factor in deciding whether or not to establish a consumable goods allowance. COLA is designed to offset a high cost of living at an OCONUS PDS.

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APPENDIX G: MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL

A. General. This Appendix addresses the more commonly incurred miscellaneous reimbursable expenses. *Incidental Expenses (defined as part of per diem in APP A) are different than these expenses.* Finance regulations should be consulted regarding any required expense description/documentation on the travel voucher.

B. Transportation Expenses Incurred in or around a PDS or TDY Location. Reimbursement of these expenses is covered in JFTR, Ch 3, Part F, and JTR, Ch 2, Part H.

C. Voucher Submission. [DoDFMR, Vol. 9, Travel Policy and Procedures](http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/) at <http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/> prescribes the voucher submission requirements, with supporting authority. Funds must be obligated IAW finance policy (ordinarily prior to/at the time the expense is incurred).

D. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses Table. Travelers are authorized certain necessary travel and transportation-related miscellaneous reimbursable expenses incurred on official business. Some miscellaneous reimbursable expenses are authorized for reimbursement by this APP; other miscellaneous reimbursable expenses require AO authorization/approval. Miscellaneous reimbursable expenses include the following (listed in alphabetical order):

MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR		APP O	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY	Mil	Civ
<u>ATM Use (Civilian Employee)</u> 1. <u>Reimbursable</u> . Administrative fees for ATM use to obtain money with the GTCC up to the amount authorized/approved by the AO for an ATM travel advance. 2. <u>Not Reimbursable</u> . Administrative fees for an ATM use of a personal charge card. *3. See the DoDFMR , Volume 9, Chapter 3 available at: http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/09/09_03.pdf , for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.			X	X		X
<u>ATM Use (Uniformed Member)</u> 1. Reimbursement is authorized for administrative fees for ATM use to obtain money with: a. The GTCC, or b. An ATM or personal charge card used by personnel exempt (and the traveler must provide the exemption authority) from GTCC use for official travel, up to the amount authorized/approved by the AO for an ATM travel advance. 2. Reimbursement for ATM administrative fees related to use of an ATM or personal charge card is at the rate applicable to that card if an advance is not otherwise provided by cash or check. *3. See the "DoDFMR", Volume 9, Chapter 3 available at: http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/09/09_03.pdf , for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.	X	X			X	
<u>Baggage, Excess Accompanied (Transportation Cost)</u> . Excess accompanied baggage transportation costs may: 1. Be authorized in advance/approved after the fact by the Secretarial Process (ordinarily a major personnel command (e.g., Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) (Navy), Human Resources Command (HRC) (Army)) after any PCS or civilian employee TCS travel. 2. Be authorized in advance of any PCS or civilian employee TCS travel for DoD travelers IAW the Service/Agency regulations. 3. Be authorized/approved for the <i>non-DoD travelers</i> . 4. <i>Not</i> be paid for with a Miscellaneous Charge Order (MCO), a coupon used as a general-purpose voucher for services (such as excess accompanied baggage) ICW PCS travel unless authorized by the Secretarial Process in advance of travel.	X		X			

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See JFTR, par. U3015 and JTR, par. C2302						
Baggage Expenses. Reimbursement is authorized for necessary travel and transportation-related miscellaneous reimbursable expenses incurred on official business. These expenses include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Excess Baggage.</u> See Baggage, Excess Accompanied. 2. <u>Baggage Transfer.</u> NTE the customary local rates, and necessity for the transfer must be explained. 3. <u>Baggage Storage (with explanation).</u> 4. <u>Baggage Checking.</u> NTE the customary local rates. 5. <u>Curbside Baggage Check-in Fee</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Uniformed Member. <i>Reimbursement of a fee charged for the use of optional curbside baggage check-in service is <u>not</u> authorized.</i> A tip, separate from the fee itself, is reimbursable. b. Civilian Employee. Reimbursable only when authorized under JTR, par. C7460-4, for a traveler with a disability/special need. 	X	X	X	X	X	X
Baggage Handling Tips <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniformed Member <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Transportation Terminal.</u> Reimbursement is authorized for customary tips for handling <u>any</u> baggage (personal and/or GOV'T) at a transportation terminal. b. <u>Lodging Establishment.</u> Reimbursement is authorized <i>only</i> for transportation-related tips for handling <u>GOV'T property</u> at lodging establishments. 2. Civilian Employee. Baggage handling tips at transportation terminals or lodging establishments are covered by the IE portion of per diem and are <u>not</u> items for separate reimbursement <u>except</u> for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A traveler with a disability/special need (see JTR, par. C7460-4), b. Handling of GOV'T property, c. Handling of a dependent's personal baggage when the dependent is not authorized per diem while traveling at GOV'T expense when unaccompanied by the sponsor, and d. Handling of a dependent's personal baggage that the sponsor cannot handle when the dependent is traveling with the sponsor. 	X	X	X	X	X	X
Birth Certificates. The cost of birth certificates or other acceptable evidence of birth for OCONUS travel.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carrier Terminal Fees. Airport transit, service charge/tax, landing, port tax, embarkation/debarkation or similar mandatory charge assessed against a traveler on arrival/departure from a carrier terminal is authorized when not included in the ticket cost (52 Comp. Gen. 73 (1972)).	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cell Phone Use. When a cell phone is used for official communication, each call must be documented showing the additional cost incurred outside of the normal usage covered in the cell phone contract. <i>Prepaid communication services (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones) are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</i>		X		X	X	X
Check Cashing. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Reimbursable.</u> Fees for cashing U.S. GOV'T checks/drafts issued for travel expense reimbursement in a foreign country. 2. <u>Not Reimbursable.</u> Fees for cashing salary checks/drafts are not authorized. 	X	X	X	X	X	X

MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR		APP O	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY	Mil	Civ
Check Costs. The cost of traveler's checks, money orders, or certified checks for up to the amount of estimated per diem, and/or AEA, and/or travel expenses for the authorized travel.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clerical Assistance. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Communication Services. GOV'T-owned/leased services should be used for official communications, but when GOV'T services are not available commercial communications services may be used. <i>Prepaid communication (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones) or in-flight communication services are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</i>		X		X	X	X
Computer Connections. Connections (e.g., Internet connection) used for computers to perform official GOV'T business is reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. <i>In-flight computer connections are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</i>		X		X	X	X
Conveyance Costs. Public or special conveyance costs to and from the transportation terminal. See JFTR, Ch 3, Part E and JTR, Ch 2, Part C.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Currency Conversion Fees 1. <u>Reimbursable.</u> The 1% "international transaction fee" for official qualifying transactions charged by the GTCC vendor. This charge is listed as a separate line item on the credit card billing statement. 2. <u>Not Reimbursable.</u> Losses resulting from currency conversions (63 Comp. Gen. 554 (1984)). NOTE: A traveler is not liable for gains resulting from currency conversion. 3. <u>Travel Claim Submission.</u> A traveler who pays with a credit card for OCONUS expenses should check with the credit card vendor to determine the final bill in U.S. currency prior to travel claim submission. The currency exchange rate at which the credit card bill was settled may be used to determine OCONUS expenses charged to the card. 4. <u>Supplemental Vouchers.</u> A traveler may have to submit a travel voucher prior to having access to the actual amount billed on the credit card. When the actual amount in U.S. currency is not known until after the required travel claim submission date, a traveler should be personally aware of any financial regulations that require submission of a supplemental voucher if the amount(s) submitted as expenses differ(s) from the actual amount billed on the initial travel claim.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Driver (Vehicle) Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Energy Surcharge Fees	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global Positioning System (GPS) for a Rental Car. <i>The optional Global Positioning System (GPS) for a rental car is not reimbursable unless the AO can determine it was necessary for official business.</i>		X		X	X	X
Green Card. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						
GTCC 1. <u>Late Payment Delinquent Fees.</u> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO only for a traveler in a mission critical travel category or who, through no personal fault, is unable to file a travel voucher and pay the GTCC bill because of circumstances specific to the travel. See DoDFMR, Volume 9 , Chapter 3, found in USD(C) memorandum dated 7 May 2002 for definition of mission critical personnel and processing requirements. 2. <u>Expedited Delivery.</u> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Guide Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Inoculations. Charges for inoculations that are not available through a Federal dispensary for OCONUS travel (this does not include travel expenses incurred for obtaining the required inoculations) when authorized/or approved.	X	X	X	X	X	X

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<u>Insurance, Driving-Related.</u> Driving-related insurance is reimbursable when a Service-designated official determines that legal requirements/procedures of the foreign country involved make it necessary to carry driving-related insurance (55 Comp. Gen. 1343 (1976)) to cover potential liability for damage, personal injury, or death to third parties when travel is authorized by GOV'T conveyance/POC/rental car.		X		X	X	X
<u>Interpreter Services.</u> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
<u>Laundry/Dry-Cleaning Expenses (Civilian Employee Only)</u> 1. Reimbursable for CONUS Travel. Costs for personal laundry, dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing incurred during TDY or PCS travel (not after returning to/arriving at PDS) are a separately reimbursable travel expense when travel within CONUS requires at least 4 consecutive nights lodging. 2. Not Reimbursable for OCONUS Travel. <i>Laundry/dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for OCONUS travel.</i> It is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/ approved for OCONUS travel.			X	X		X
<u>Laundry/Dry-Cleaning Expenses (Uniformed Member Only)</u> 1. Reimbursable for CONUS Travel. Costs for personal laundry, dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing incurred during TDY travel (not after returning to/arriving at PDS) are a separately reimbursable travel expense up to an average of \$2 per day, in addition to per diem/AEA, when travel within CONUS requires at least 7 consecutive nights of TDY lodging in CONUS (e.g., 6 nights, no laundry, 7 nights, NTE \$14, 8 nights, NTE \$16). 2. Not Reimbursable for OCONUS Travel. <i>Laundry/dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for OCONUS travel.</i> It is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/ approved for OCONUS travel.		X			X	
<u>Legal Service Fees.</u> See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						
<u>License/Permit, International Driver's</u> 1. Reimbursable when traveling TDY to a country that requires an international driver's license/permit. 2. The cost of license/permit photos is reimbursable. 3. See http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1179.html for information on driving abroad. 4. <i>This reimbursement applies only to members/employees but not their dependents.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<u>Lodging, Dual.</u> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. Reimbursement must not exceed the amount of per diem/AEA plus appropriate lodging tax (when separately reimbursable) that would have been paid had the traveler remained overnight. See JFTR, par. U4135 and JTR, par. C4555-F.		X		X	X	X
<u>Lodging Fees/Daytime Lodging Charges.</u> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. These include room occupancy lodging charges for late departure, early arrival, or airport daytime lodging facilities due to travel arrangements that are not for the traveler's convenience.		X		X	X	X
<u>Lodging Reimbursement while on Leave (Uniformed Member Only).</u> Reimbursement is authorized for the actual cost of lodging retained at the TDY location during leave, NTE the per diem rate lodging portion for the TDY location, for each day during contingency operations (JFTR, par. U7225), or authorized/ordered evacuations (JFTR, par. U7226-C).		X			X	
<u>Lodging Tax</u> (except when 'MALT-Plus' for POC travel is paid) in the CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas (see APP A). 1. Reimbursable. Lodging tax reimbursement (CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS only) is limited to the tax on reimbursable lodging costs. Example: if the authorized maximum lodging rate is \$60/night, and lodging that costs \$110/night is chosen, tax on \$60 may be reimbursed, which is the maximum authorized lodging amount.	X	X	X	X	X	X

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2. <u>Not Reimbursable</u> . Lodging tax in foreign OCONUS areas is part of per diem/AEA and is <i>not separately reimbursable</i> .						
Medical Fees. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						
Mission-Related Expenses. Mission-related expenses <i>are not reimbursable as travel expenses</i> . These include (but are not limited to) equipment and materials (e.g., batteries, tools, film, paper, books, medical supplies), gifts for child care, pet care, hotel concierge, workout room/gym fees, and similar items.						
Nonrefundable Room Deposits, Forfeited Rental Deposits or Prepaid Rent, and Early Checkout Penalties when TDY is Curtailed/Canceled/Interrupted. 1. When advance lodging arrangements (including deposits for rental units) are made and TDY is curtailed/canceled/interrupted, lodging cost reimbursement may be authorized/ approved by the AO. 2. Reimbursement must not exceed the remaining amount of per diem/AEA plus appropriate lodging tax that would have been paid had the TDY not been curtailed/ canceled/interrupted. 3. See 59 Comp. Gen. 609 (1980) , 59 id. 612 (1980) , 60 id. 630 (1981) , and cases cited therein. 4. The AO should consider if the: a. Traveler acted reasonably and prudently in incurring lodging expenses; b. Traveler had a reasonable expectation of completing the TDY as authorized; c. Assignment was changed for official purposes or for an acceptable reason beyond the traveler's control; and d. Traveler took reasonable steps to obtain a refund once the TDY was officially canceled/curtailed.		X		X	X	X
Packer Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Paper Tickets. Any additional paper tickets cost is authorized when authorized/approved by the AO as necessary to meet GOV'T requirements (e.g., potential work stoppage by the airline or special circumstances involving international travel to foreign countries). <i>Paper tickets bought for personal convenience are the traveler's financial responsibility.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parking Fees at a Terminal. Transportation terminal parking fees (while TDY), NTE the cost of taxi fares (including associated tips) for one round-trip to the terminal are authorized. See JFTR, par. U3320 and JTR, par. C2192.		X		X	X	X
Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Exams, and Legal Services. 1. <u>Reimbursement Eligibility</u> a. <u>General.</u> Reimbursement is authorized for a: (1) Member, (2) Employee, and (3) Dependent (member's and/or employee's). b. <u>Uniformed Member.</u> Reimbursement authority is for a member who is: (1) Assigned to a foreign OCONUS area, (2) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of a continued assignment in a foreign OCONUS area, or (3) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below.	X	X	X	X	X	X

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<p>c. Civilian Employee. Reimbursement authority is for <i>an employee</i> who is:</p> <p>(1) A U.S. citizen (NOTE: An eligible dependent does not have to be a US citizen.)</p> <p>(2) Hired locally or transported to a foreign OCONUS area at GOV'T expense,</p> <p>(3) Serving under a service or renewal agreement, and</p> <p>(4) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of continued employment in a foreign OCONUS area, or</p> <p>(5) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below.</p> <p>d. Dependent (Member's or Employee's). Reimbursement authority is for a dependent who is:</p> <p>(1) Authorized travel and transportation allowances to/from a foreign OCONUS area, or</p> <p>(2) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of the sponsor's continued assignment/employment in a foreign OCONUS area.</p> <p>2. Acquired Dependent (Uniformed Member Only). A member serving an unaccompanied OCONUS tour who acquires a dependent OCONUS is not authorized reimbursement of passport and visa expenses for the acquired dependent except when JFTR, par. U9000-A2 or U9000-A3 applies, and/or the dependent qualifies for travel and transportation from the OCONUS PDS IAW JFTR, par. U5222-G.</p> <p>3. Biometric Fees. Biometric fees which are mandatory for passport and/or visa issuance to the traveler is reimbursable. Biometric data collects the traveler's measurable physical or behavioral characteristics that can be used to verify the individual's identity or compare the identity against other entries when stored in a database. Examples of biometric data are face recognition, fingerprints, and iris scans.</p> <p>4. Dependent Fee. Dependent fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. Example: The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.</p> <p>5. Emergency Technical Support Personnel. A command/activity may be required to have emergency technical support personnel available for official travel on short notice. These personnel, if directed in writing by the AO to maintain current passports, mandatory biometric visa requirements and/or visas and/or green cards, may be reimbursed for the preparation expenses/fees paid for a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, photographs for OCONUS travel and physical examinations required to obtain a visa if examinations could not be obtained at a GOV'T medical facility (as of 11/1/01 obtainable only in Yokosuka, Japan)).</p> <p>6. Fee for Visa, Green card, and Photographs for OCONUS Travel. These fees are reimbursable ICW official travel.</p> <p>7. Legal Service Fees. Expenses for legal services that include lawyer fees/charges (except retainer fees) for obtaining and/or processing applications for a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, or changes in status are reimbursable if local laws and/or customs require the use of lawyers in processing such applications.</p> <p>8. Medical Expenses. Medical expenses associated with obtaining passports, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visa and/or green card, are not reimbursable, except for inoculations as permitted in this APP.</p> <p>9. Passport Fees. An official traveler ordinarily travels on a no-fee passport. The three types of U.S. passports are: book, card, and e-passport. A passport book is a regular passport; an e-passport is a regular passport book with electronic biometric data; both passports can be used for any international travel. A passport card is limited to departure/entry to/from the U.S. through land and seaport entry between the U.S. and Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and Bermuda, and is not authorized for international air travel. Passport fees are reimbursable when travel on an official travel authorization/order is to and/or from a high threat area or high risk airport by commercial air and the traveler is authorized to obtain and use a regular fee passport. See http://www.state.gov/travelandbusiness/. Those traveling solely by MILAIR or AMC charter flight are not reimbursed for regular fee passports unless GOV'T transportation became available on short notice (that is, after commercial travel arrangements had been made and a passport purchased) or the travel priority is sufficiently high to require backup travel arrangements (which cannot include city-pair reservations).</p>						

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<p>10. <u>Physical Examination Fees</u>. These fees are reimbursable when required to obtain a visa and the examination could not be obtained at a GOV'T medical facility (as of 11/1/01 obtainable only in Yokosuka, Japan) (adapted from GSBCA 15435-RELO, 9 April 2001). A dependent's fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. Example: The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.</p> <p>11. <u>Travel Authorization/Order for Visas and Physical Examinations</u>. A travel authorization/order should be issued to authorize/approve (see JFTR, par. U2115 and JTR, APP I2) travel and transportation at GOV'T expense to:</p> <p>a. A visa-issuing office located outside the traveler's PDS local area if the traveler's presence at that office is/was mandatory.</p> <p>b. Undergo a physical examination required to obtain a visa if travel is/was required to a location outside the traveler's PDS local area.</p> <p>12. <u>Travel Not Required</u>. Actual travel to obtain required documents is not required for reimbursement (e.g., the expenses may be related to mail).</p>						
<u>Personal Expenses</u>. <i>Personal expenses are not reimbursable.</i> These include batteries, tools, film, gifts, pet care, hotel concierge, rental car GPS, workout room/gym fees, and similar items.						
<u>Pet Quarantine</u>. See JFTR and JTR, Ch 5, Part I for rules regarding pet quarantine ICW PDT.	X		X			
<u>Phone Calls (Official)</u> 1. The AO: <p>a. May determine certain communications to a traveler's home/family are official (i.e., to advise of the traveler's safe arrival, inform/inquire about medical conditions, and advise regarding changes in itinerary),</p> <p>b. Should limit communications to a dollar amount in advance of the TDY, and</p> <p>c. May approve charges after the TDY completion, when appropriate (adopted from GSBCA 14554-TRAV, 18 August 1998).</p> <p>2. Prepaid communication services (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones) are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</p>		X		X	X	X
<u>Physical Examination Fees</u>. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						
<u>Prepaid Phone Cards/Cell Phones</u>. See Communication Services.						
<u>Preparatory Travel Expense Reimbursement when the Travel Authorization/Order is Amended, Modified, Canceled or Revoked</u>. Preparatory travel expenses, such as fees for traveler's checks, passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, and communications services, incurred prior to the authorization/order being changed are reimbursable provided the action taken is beyond the traveler's control, in the GOV'T's interest, and a refund is unobtainable.	X	X	X	X	X	X
<u>Registered Traveler Membership Fee</u>. Individual traveler membership in a registered and/or trusted traveler program is not a reimbursable expense per JFTR, par. U1060 and JTR, par. C1010. Use of GOV'T funds to obtain membership in such a program is statutorily prohibited by 5 USC §5946 per GSA Bulletin FTR 08-05 of 25 June 2008.						
<u>Registration Fee</u>. Registration fee reimbursement is authorized/approved when the fee is a condition for attendance. When the registration fee includes the cost of meals, per diem is computed under JFTR, par. U4165-2b or JTR, par. C4554-B2b.		X		X	X	X
<u>Rental Car Administrative Fees</u>. Any per-day administrative fee called for in the DTMO rental car agreements (including GARS) is authorized.		X		X	X	X

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Reports/Correspondence Preparation Services (incl. associated necessary equipment). Services of typists, typists, data processors, or stenographers and use of computers, printers, faxing machines and scanners are reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO (B-145883, 1 September 1970 and 15 Comp. Gen. 257 (1935)). This does not cover any materials. See mission-related expenses.		X		X	X	X
Resort Fees. Resort fees, <i>that are mandatory</i> , are authorized.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Room Rental. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO only when used for official business at a lodging/other place.		X		X	X	X
Service and Processing Fees. 1. Service and processing fees (transaction fees) for arranging official transportation, rental car and lodging accommodations are authorized: a. Through a CTO/TMC, and b. When a CTO/TMC is not available. 2. Reimbursement is authorized only when every reasonable attempt has been made by the traveler to engage CTO/TMC in the process and the CTO/TMC is not available, prior to official travel commencement.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Storage of Property Used on Official Business. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Technology Equipment. Use of computers, printers, faxing machines, scanners, telegrams, cablegrams, or radiograms is authorized.		X		X	X	X
Tips Aboard Commercial Ships (Uniformed Member Only). Tips to stewards and other attendants paid by or on behalf of the dependents aboard commercial ships are authorized.	X					
Tips for Handling GOV'T Property. Transportation-related tips for handling GOV'T property at terminals and lodgings are authorized.		X		X	X	X
Tips, Transportation-Related. Transportation-related tips for taxis, limousines, and courtesy transportation are authorized.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Toll Collection Transponder installed in a rental car. Activation of the Toll Collection Transponder installed in a rental car for optional use is not reimbursable unless the AO can determine it was necessary for official business.		X				
Transportation to/from Terminal. POC transportation costs (ICW TDY travel) to and from the transportation terminal are authorized. See JFTR, par. U3320 and JTR, par. C2192.		X		X	X	X
Travel and Transportation Related Expenses. Travel and transportation related expenses similar to any in this table may be authorized.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Value Added Tax (VAT) Certificate. The cost of a Value Added Tax (VAT) certificate used to avoid paying TDY lodging taxes is reimbursable.		X		X	X	X
Visa and Photograph Fees for OCONUS Travel. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						

PART I: MOVE-IN HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MIHA)

A. General

1. The following three components comprise MIHA (see par. U10026):
 - a. MIHA/Miscellaneous – a fixed-rate, lump-sum payment,
 - b. MIHA/Rent – an actual expense component that covers reasonable rent-related expenses, and
 - c. MIHA/Security – an actual expense component that covers reasonable security-related expenses.
2. To be authorized a MIHA, a member must be eligible for an Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA).
3. MIHA is intended to defray the move-in costs associated with occupying member-leased private sector housing covered under the OHA program.
4. ***MIHA is not intended to cover move-out costs.***

B. MIHA/Miscellaneous. Actual expense data for MIHA/Miscellaneous is collected by survey. This data is used to set the MIHA/Miscellaneous allowance rate. A member residing in member-leased private sector housing receives an annual 'Overseas Housing Allowance Utility Expenses Survey'. Additionally, once every three years each member receives an 'Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Move-In Expenses Survey'. ***To ensure that proper MIHA allowances are set, reporting accurate, uniform, and complete costs is essential. Therefore, it is imperative that members retain copies of all move-in expenses for later survey completion and cost reporting.***

1. Survey procedures are mailed to each country allowance coordinator (see APP M).
2. The 'Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Move-In Expenses Survey' is used to report the member's MIHA/Miscellaneous expenses in addition to their utility expenses.

C. MIHA/Rent. A completed DD Form 2556 (Move-In Housing Allowance Claim (May 1999)) must accompany each MIHA/Rent claim. A member may submit more than one DD Form 2556 while assigned to a PDS (e.g., to claim rent-related expenses, then again to claim security expenses). A receipt for any individual expense of \$75 or more must be provided.

1. When the MIHA/Rent expense is incurred in foreign currency, convert the cost to U.S. dollars (using the actual rate of exchange at which the member converted the U.S. dollars to the foreign currency).
2. If the member is a sharer (see par. U10000-A), only one sharer may claim an individual rent-related expense. Sharer status is based on the member's response to item 8 of DD Form 2367, Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report.
3. Both the member ***and*** an authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as the housing officer) must complete the DD Form 2556.
4. The authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as the housing officer) may authorize all, or any portion, of an expenditure if it is considered reasonable. When the expenditure is not authorized, an explanation must be provided on a separate sheet and the information submitted with the completed DD Form 2556.
5. When the amount authorized in DD Form 2556, Part B Subtotal, exceeds two times the member's monthly rent, the authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as the housing officer) must justify the amount on a separate sheet and the information submitted with the completed DD Form 2556.

NOTE: Copies of all DD Forms 2556 prepared by the member should be maintained at the member's PDS. For locations served by housing offices, the Housing Office should retain the copies of the DD Forms 2556.

D. MIHA/Security

1. To qualify for MIHA/Security, a member must be assigned to an area in which a dwelling must be modified to minimize exposure to terrorist and/or criminal threat (for 'MIHA Security Locations', see APP N, Part II). DoS and/or the DIA designate high threat areas when Department of State is:
 - a. **Responsible** for the area's residential security: IAW the 1990 Memorandum between the DoS and the DoD on Overseas Security Support.
 - b. **Not responsible** for the area's residential security: the senior officer in-country is responsible for developing the appropriate housing security policy for the area. When security modifications are deemed appropriate, acceptable items/expenditures must be determined by an individual/office designated by the senior officer. DD Form 2556, Part C must be completed to claim reimbursement for security related expenses.
2. When possible, costs for security upgrades to the dwelling should be borne by the landlord. However, the housing officer or appropriate official acting in place of the housing officer should expect the landlord to increase the rent on the unit to recover the upgrade expenses within a reasonable time period.
3. When the senior officer in-country determines that a duty station should be a MIHA/Security area, that officer should have a designation request forwarded for risk assessment and justification. The request may be by letter, message, or e-mail message to the PDTATAC at the addresses below. The request for risk assessment is forwarded by PDTATAC to the DoS or the DIA for a final determination.

Letter Address:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
*ATTN: Allowances Branch
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

E-Mail Message Address: Housing.Security@dtmo.pentagon.mil

Message Address: SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//DTMO//

4. A completed DD Form 2556 (Move-In Housing Allowance Claim (May 1999)) must accompany each MIHA/Security claim. A member may submit more than one DD Form 2556 while assigned to a PDS (e.g., to claim rent-related expenses, then again to claim security expenses). A receipt for any expense of \$75 or more must be provided.
5. When the MIHA/Security expense is incurred in foreign currency, convert the cost to U.S. dollars (using the actual rate of exchange at which the member converted the U.S. dollars to foreign currency).
6. If the member is a sharer (see par. U10000-A), only one sharer may claim an individual security-related expense. Sharer status is based on the member's response to item 8 of DD Form 2367, Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report.
7. Both the member **and** an authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as housing officer) must complete the DD Form 2556.

8. The authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as the housing officer) may approve all, or any portion of, an expenditure if it is considered reasonable. When the expenditure is not authorized, an explanation must be provided on a separate sheet and the information submitted with the completed DD Form 2556.

9. When the amount authorized in DD Form 2556, Part C Subtotal, exceeds two times the member's monthly rent, the authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as the housing officer) must justify the amount on a separate sheet and submit the information along with the completed DD Form 2556.

NOTE: Copies of all DD Forms 2556 prepared by the member should be maintained at the member's PDS. For locations served by housing offices, the Housing Office should retain the copies of the DD Forms 2556.

E. Instructions for Completing DD Form 2367, Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report

1. The member must complete items 1 through 10 (for assistance see the Housing Officer).
2. The 'Housing Officer or Appropriate Official designated for that purpose' must either check box 11a(1) **or** 11a(2), whichever is appropriate.
3. The Housing Officer or Appropriate Official designated for that purpose must also complete blocks 11b through 11d.
4. The 'Certifying Official' must check the appropriate block for both 12a **and** 12b. The selection for block 12b is based on the answer provided by the Housing Officer or Appropriate Official designated for that purpose in block 11a.
5. The Certifying Official must also complete blocks 12c through 12g.
6. When the certifying official authorizes/approves the MIHA/Miscellaneous allowance the member receives the allowance in subsequent pay.

F. Instructions for Completing DD Form 2556, Move-In Housing Allowance Claim

1. DD Form 2556, Part A – Service Member Identification and Residence Information. Items 1 through 5 are self-explanatory.
2. DD Form 2556, Part B – Rent Related Expenses. Report only fixed, one-time, nonrefundable fees related to renting the dwelling. These are charges levied by the landlord, the landlord's agent or a foreign government that the member is required to pay. ***Refundable security deposits, advance rental payments, and recurring costs are not reported on this form.***

a. Authorized expenses:

- (1) Customary Restoration or Redecoration Fees. This fee ordinarily is levied as an up-front charge but is not a damage deposit (it is typically for repainting and cleaning). These charges should be reported only when there is no chance of a refund.
- (2) Rental Agent Fees. When a member has no other recourse but to rent a unit with such charges, the charges are reimbursable.
- (3) Lease Tax or Rental Tax. Some jurisdictions levy a lease tax or rental tax. When this tax is:
 - (a) A one-time charge - it is reported on DD Form 2556,
 - (b) A monthly charge - it is included with rent and reported on DD Form 2367, and

(c) Charged at other intervals (e.g., an annual charge), it is considered a recurring expense and is covered by the Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance.

b. Unauthorized Expenses. The authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as the housing officer) has the authority to disapprove excessive or unjustifiable expenses, i.e.:

- (1) Avoidable real estate agent fees (see Examples 1 and 2 below),
- (2) Restoration/redecoration fees when they are not customary.

Example 1: A housing office recommends an acceptable dwelling that could have been rented without a rent-related fee. However, the member chose to rent a unit through a real estate agent who charged a 2-month rental fee. The authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as the housing officer) must disapprove reimbursement of the rent-related fee.

Example 2: A member's landlord charged the member a 2-month up-front rental fee when a 1-month rental fee is the customary charge. The authorizing/approving official (commander or designated official, such as the housing officer) should authorize reimbursement for only 1 month's rental fee.

3. DD Form 2556, Part C – Security Expenditures. Report only security related items, i.e., security doors, locks, lights, and alarm systems. Expenditures not related to the physical dwelling, such as for personal security guards or dogs, are not reimbursable. A receipt for any expense of \$75 or more must be provided.

4. DD Form 2556, Part D – Reimbursement to Member. The amount reported in item 10 is the total MIHA/Rent and/or MIHA/Security allowance reimbursable to the member in connection with the specifics on that DD Form 2556. A receipt for any expense of \$75 or more must be provided.

5. DD Form 2556, Part E – Certifications. The member must certify the information on the DD Form 2556 by completing and signing Part E.

G. Submitting Completed DD Forms 2367 (Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report (May 1999)) and 2556 (Move-In Housing Allowance Claim (May 1999))

1. Completed DD Forms 2367 and 2556. Completed DD Forms 2367 and 2556 must be processed and submitted IAW finance center procedures.
2. Submitting Completed DD Forms 2367 and 2556. Completed DD Forms 2367 and 2556 **must not** be submitted to PDTATAC directly. Submitting the forms directly to PDTATAC delays processing and reimbursement of the MIHA/Miscellaneous allowance.

APPENDIX O

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

This APP contains a summary of travel and transportation allowances for business, training and deployment TDY. This APP does not contain all of the information required. Please consult JFTR/JTR, Chs 1-4 for further details.

T4000 INTRODUCTION

A. Application. Except where differences are identified, the allowances and responsibilities in this APP apply equally to a uniformed member and a DoD civilian employee and any other non-DoD GOV'T employee working for DoD and paid travel allowances funded by DoD. In this APP, "authorizing official" or "AO" means the individual who controls the mission, authorizes the trip, and controls funds for TDY travel. Definitions are in APP A.

*B. Common TDY Travel Types. This APP is a summary of the travel and transportation allowances and responsibilities of a traveler who performs the most common TDY travel types as authorized by law for a uniformed member, DoD civilian employee and any non-DoD GOV'T employee working for DoD and paid travel allowances funded by DoD. This APP covers individual travel for business, travel for schoolhouse training, and deployment or personnel traveling together via no/limited reimbursement, and certain travel under special circumstances. This APP is to be used ICW the JFTR and JTR where more detailed allowances are prescribed.

*C. Special Circumstances and Categories Travel. JFTR/JTR, Ch 7, not this APP, contains provisions for travel of:

1. Senior ROTC;
2. RC member travel for medical and dental care;
3. Retirees called to active duty;
4. A Ready RC member authorized muster duty allowance;

*5. Active duty for training tours of 140 or more days at one location (except as noted in par. U2146) and active duty for other than training for more than 180 days at one location (except when due to unusual circumstances per diem has been authorized IAW par. U7150-A4b(3)).

**TDY performed as part of a PCS move (i.e., TDY en route) is not paid under DTS.*

D. PCS Move Travel. TDY performed as part of a PCS move continues to be paid as prescribed for TDY travel in JFTR/JTR Ch 4.

E. Invitational Travel Authorizations. See JFTR/JTR, APP E.

F. Evacuations. See JFTR/JTR, Ch 6.

T4005 APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW JFTR/JTR REGULATIONS

Commands/units are expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a traveler and/or an AO fails to follow the regulations contained in this Volume. Disciplinary action should be for *willful* violations and may be in the form of counseling (oral/written), or non-judicial action (uniformed member), or other personnel means (civilian employee). Action must *not* be through refusal to reimburse. See par. T4025-A4 for exceptions when reimbursement is *not* allowed.

T4010 REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Rates for private vehicle mileage reimbursement rates are found in JFTR, par. U2600, and JTR, par. C2500. GOV'T dining facility/mess food and operating expense rates are found in JFTR, pars. U4149 and U4151 and JTR, par. C2510. Per diem rates (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>) by location showing the lodging, meals and IE components are provided under separate issuance by the PDTATAC. These rates also are available from the CTO/TMC.

T4020 TDY TRAVEL POLICY

A. Criteria for TDY Travel. TDY travel is mission support. TDY travel is performed when there is no other means to successfully complete the mission. When the mission can be achieved by another means, such as written correspondence or teleconferencing, the AO must choose that method.

B. Traveler Rights and Responsibilities

1. A traveler must follow the policies and procedures in this regulation, and use good judgment in incurring official travel-related expenses, as if traveling using personal funds. See JFTR, par. U2010/JTR, par. C1058.
2. A traveler is provided transportation, lodging, and food, or must be reimbursed promptly for reasonable and necessary authorized expenses if the traveler purchases them. An AO must authorize/approve reimbursement for other travel-related expenses appropriate to the mission.
3. It is **mandatory** that the traveler arranges commercial transportation, rental cars (if authorized/approved), through an available CTO/TMC or in-house travel arranger IAW TRANSCOM policy. The CTO/TMC estimates the total cost for the trip (a "should-cost" estimate) forming the reimbursement basis.
4. It is **mandatory** that the traveler makes the official travel and transportation arrangements through the CTO/TMC. Only in extremely unusual circumstances in which the traveler cannot communicate with the CTO/TMC should the CTO/TMC not be used. A traveler:
 - a. Who does not use a CTO/TMC or the GTCC to purchase transportation must submit the ticket receipt (if \$75 or more) for reimbursement,
 - b. Must use coach-class for all official travel, unless premium-class accommodations are authorized/approved prior to travel by the appropriate level listed in JFTR, par. U3125-B2a or U3125-B2b.
 - (1) See JFTR, par. U2000-A2c/JTR, par. C2000-A2c for medical reasons, or
 - (2) TDY mission timing requires premium-class. When premium-class TDY transportation is authorized/approved because the mission timing is "so urgent it cannot be postponed," premium-class travel should only be authorized to the TDY site. Coach-class accommodations use should be annotated on the trip record and used for the return flight if the return flight is not critical and the traveler can rest before reporting back to work. *See JFTR, pars. U3125-B2a and U3125-B2b/JTR, pars. C2204-B2a and C2204-B2b.*
 - c. Must **not** use foreign flag transportation even if U.S.-certificated air flag carrier fares are higher,
 - d. Who uses premium-class or a foreign flag transportation presumably at GOV'T expense must provide to the AO adequate acceptable justification that meets the JFTR/JTR requirements for reimbursement, and
 - e. Should promptly update the Trip Record, and confirm/modify arrangements when communication with the CTO/TMC was not possible.
5. Each traveler is advised, in advance, of the allowances, arrangements, probable expenses, and an estimate of what should be reimbursed.

6. A traveler should use a GTCC. The policies and procedures for the GTCC program (including central billing and unit cards) are found in the DoDFMR (DoD 7000.14-R), Volume 9, "Travel Policy and Procedures." ***The DoD Comptroller Finance Management Regulation website is found at <http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/>.***

7. When using the DTS for TDY over 45 days, a traveler should include a request for scheduled partial payments with the authorization/order so the traveler is paid every 30 days. This helps to ensure the traveler is paid for expenses prior to GTCC bill receipt.

8. A traveler must comply with Federal and Departmental ethics rules when accepting travel benefits (i.e., goods, services or payment) from non-Federal sources. For DoD, see Joint Ethics Regulation, DoD 5500.7-R, Ch 4. For Coast Guard, see COMDTINST M5370.8 (series). For NOAA Corps, see Department of Commerce Administrative Order 202-735. For Public Health Service, see Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual CC26.1, Inst 1. A traveler may keep items of nominal value (as defined in applicable ethics regulations). A traveler also may keep benefits received for voluntarily vacating a seat on an overbooked flight, but are not to vacate the seat if the GOV'T would incur additional costs or if it would affect the mission.

9. Retaining Promotional Items

a. A traveler on official business traveling at GOV'T expense on the funds of an AGENCY (APP A) may keep promotional material (including frequent traveler benefits, such as points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs or facilities) for personal use. This applies to promotional items received before, on, or after 31 December 2001.

b. The promotional material must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the general public and must be at no additional GOV'T cost.

c. Promotional items received for travel using funds other than those of an agency are not covered by this rule. The traveler should seek guidance from the funding authorities.

10. Each traveler must be treated as honest, responsible customers, and must follow the rules in this regulation. The DoDFMR, Volume 9, JFTR, par. U2505/JTR, par. C1305, apply when a fraudulent claim submission is suspected.

T4025 ARRANGING OFFICIAL TRAVEL

A. CTO/TMC Use

1. Mandatory Policy

a. It is DoD ***mandatory policy*** that each traveler uses an available CTO/TMC to arrange official travel, including transportation and rental cars. ***A command must not permit a CTO/TMC to issue premium-class tickets purchased at GOV'T expense to a traveler without prior proper authorization.***

b. ***A command must not permit a CTO/TMC to issue a YCA airfare purchased at GOV'T expense to a traveler when a _CA airfare is available and the AO determines that a _CA airfare meets mission needs. NOTE: This does not establish the _CA as the basis for POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE – that remains the YCA airfare.***

2. Service Regulations. See DOD COMPONENT/Service regulations for CTO/TMC use information.

3. Failure to Follow Regulations

a. A commands/unit is expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a traveler and/or an AO fails to follow the regulations concerning CTO/TMC use. See par. T4005.

b. A command/unit is expected to take appropriate action for reimbursement to the GOV'T when a traveler and/or AO allows a CTO/TMC to issue a YCA airfare when there is a _CA airfare available that meets mission needs. ([CBCA 1511-TRAV, 7 May 2009.](#))

c. Disciplinary action should be for **willful** violations and may be in the form of counseling (oral/written), or non-judicial action (uniformed member), or other personnel means (civilian employee). Action must **not** be through refusal to reimburse. See par. T4025-A4 for the exceptions when reimbursement is **not** allowed.

4. Reimbursement Not Allowed. Reimbursement is **not allowed** when the traveler does not follow the regulations for foreign flag carriers. See par. T4025-C.

B. Requirements

1. When making travel arrangements, the traveler should use the following:

a. Services available under a TMS (APP A), or

b. In-house travel offices.

2. All travel arrangements must be made IAW:

a. DoDD 4500.9 (Transportation and Traffic Management) at <http://biotech.law.lsu.edu/blaw/dodd/corres/pdf2/d45009p.pdf>;

b. DoDI 4500.42 (DoD Passenger Transportation Reservation and Ticketing Services) at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/450042p.pdf>; and

c. Service regulations.

C. Foreign Ship or Aircraft Transportation. Transportation on foreign ships or aircraft of foreign registry must **not** be authorized/approved unless the conditions in par. T4060-B3 are met (see also JFTR, par. U3125-C/JTR, par. C2204-C).

D. Transportation Reimbursement

1. CTO/TMC Available. When a CTO/TMC is available but not used by the traveler, reimbursement for the transportation cost is limited to the amount the GOV'T would have paid if the arrangements had been made directly through a CTO/TMC.

2. CTO/TMC Not Available. When the AO certifies that a CTO/TMC was/is not available to arrange the required official transportation, reimbursement is for the authorized/approved transportation actual cost NTE the POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A) that meets mission requirements. ***NOTE: CTO/TMC service not being available should be an extremely rare occurrence. Each event of non-availability should lead to correction(s) that make CTO/TMC service available should the same situation arise again.***

NOTE: The cost paid by the GOV'T for GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation, in house or CTO/TMC transportation, frequently includes a transaction fee for arranging the transportation. A CTO/TMC transaction fee incurred by a member/employee is reimbursable under APP G. When an available CTO/TMC is not used and no transaction fee is included in the GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation, the transaction fee for personally procured transportation from other than a CTO/TMC may be reimbursed NTE the GOV'T/GOV'T procured transportation cost.

T4030 GETTING THERE AND BACK (TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES)

A. Transportation Mode. The AO may direct travel by any mode (e.g., GOV'T or commercial air, bus, train) except the AO cannot require the traveler to use a personal or rental vehicle for official travel. ***If a certain mode is directed and another mode is used, transportation reimbursement is NTE the directed transportation mode cost.***

B. Commercial Transportation. The Services must require that the CTO/TMC arrange commercial transportation IAW law, GOV'T policies, agreements and contracted rates using U.S.-certificated carriers and coach/economy-class accommodations, whenever possible. The AO may, under certain conditions, authorize the CTO/TMC to arrange other than contract city-pair flights, or to arrange non-U.S.-certificated carriers, or business- (but not first) class accommodations (see JFTR, par. U4326, ***NOTE 1***/JTR, par. C1060, ***NOTE 1***) when needed to fulfill a documented mission requirement as specified in par. T4060-B1. Only the officials listed in JFTR, pars. U3125-B2, and U3135-C (trains only)/JTR, pars. C2204-B2, and C2208-C (trains only), may authorize/approve business- or first-class accommodations use.

C. Special Conveyances (Includes Aircraft) Reimbursement. The AO may authorize an appropriately sized vehicle IAW mission needs when a compact rental car (the "standard" for TDY travel), does not meet requirements. ***It is mandatory to obtain rental vehicles (except for aircraft or bus) through the CTO/TMC per TRANSCOM policy, when the CTO/TMC is available.*** When the AO authorizes special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the following reimbursements are authorized per APP G.

1. Rental costs, tax and local assessments on rental vehicle users, necessary gas and oil, landing and tie-down fees, and transportation to/from the rental facility.
2. Parking; ferry fares; bridge, road and tunnel tolls; traveler access fee (when charged); GARS; garage (POC parking is a separate reimbursable expense), hangar or boathouse rental; operator's subsistence; and optional extra collision hull insurance for rental aircraft.
3. Snow tires and similar non-standard equipment necessary for travel when authorized/approved in the travel authorization/order. Reimbursement NTE the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for required non-standard equipment. Disregard of a special conveyance arranged by a CTO/TMC, requires justification for additional special conveyance costs before reimbursement (beyond the cost using the CTO/TMC). ***Reimbursement for purchase of snow tire and other non-standard items is not authorized.***
4. Mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries.
5. Claim for damage to a rental vehicle, while the vehicle is being used for official business, is reimbursable to the traveler or the rental car vendor as a miscellaneous transportation expense. The claim must be adjudicated as payable per the DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 4, (found at <http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/>) (or appropriate Service directives for the non-DoD Services).

When the AO has not authorized/approved special conveyance use, reimbursement is limited to the POC mileage rate in JFTR, par. U2600/JTR, par. C2500 plus constructed per diem for the official distance NTE the GOV'T's constructed cost. See JFTR, par. U3310-A1/JTR, par. C2150, item 8.

NOTE:

1. ***A traveler is not reimbursed for rental car insurance coverage purchased in the U.S. or in a non-foreign OCONUS location regardless of from whom the rental car is rented.***
2. ***Reimbursement for personal funds paid for damage sustained by a rented automobile while being used on other than official business is not authorized.***

3. *Some vehicles are not covered with liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance for the traveler or the GOV'T when rented for official GOV'T travel. To view appropriate rental car companies and rates go to the DTMO website at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil> and click on Car/Truck Rental Programs in the left-hand column. A vehicle listed in the rental car agreement on the DTMO website is covered under the DTMO rental-car agreement. A vehicle, offered by a vendor that is under the DTMO rental car agreement but not listed on the DTMO list as a vehicle "in that category", does not have the full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the traveler and the GOV'T, and should not be rented for official GOV'T travel. Usually, there is at least one vendor listed that has a vehicle available for official GOV'T travel and this vendor should be used.*

D. GOV'T Transportation

1. The TO arranges international GOV'T airlift under AMC contract/control, when it is available and satisfies mission requirements.

2. The TO provides GOV'T ground transportation. (Within the Navy, GOV'T vehicles are obtained directly from the providers, ordinarily Public Works.) Use GOV'T transportation only for official business to commute to/from the traveler's: TDY location, lodgings, dining facilities, and other locations for comfort and health reasons. If it is used for any other purpose, and the traveler has an accident, the traveler may be financially responsible. Use GOV'T servicing for the vehicle whenever possible. When GOV'T servicing is not available, the AO may authorize/approve reimbursement of actual vehicle operating expenses. These expenses include: gas and oil; parking fees; repairs; ferry fares; bridge, road or tunnel tolls; trip insurance for travel in foreign countries; guards; and storage fees.

E. POC. When the AO authorizes/approves a POC as the appropriate transportation mode, reimbursement is authorized at the standard rate per mile for the POC type and the distance between duty locations or between home and TDY location(s). Reimbursement of parking fees, ferry fares, and road, bridge, and tunnel tolls for travel over a direct route is authorized. If the AO does not authorize/approve using a POC and one is used anyway, reimbursement is authorized at the standard rate per mile plus reimbursable expenses (parking fees, etc.) NTE the should-cost estimate of AO-authorized transportation (e.g., commercial plane). In either case, reimbursement is only authorized for the traveler paying the POC operating expenses. When two or more official travelers travel in the same POC to the TDY location, the official traveler responsible for paying the POC operating expenses is authorized reimbursement for any additional distance involved if the official traveler passenger(s) is/are picked up/dropped off at their homes. The extra distance is based on odometer readings (or other acceptable evidence) of the actual necessary extra distance traveled. If reimbursement at the published rate does not cover expenses, or if there is no established rate for the POC type being used, the AO may authorize/ approve reimbursement of necessary transportation costs incurred for uniformed personnel. For distance determination (DTOD requirements), see JFTR, par. U2020/JTR, par. C1065.

F. Rest Stops. Normally, a traveler is not required to travel during unreasonable night hours. If the traveler is required to travel during normal sleeping hours, or the scheduled flight time including stopovers and plane changes exceeds 14 hours and the traveler is not authorized first/business-class accommodations, the AO may authorize/approve a rest stop en route or a rest period at the TDY location before reporting for duty. ***Scheduled flight time is the time between the scheduled aircraft departure from the airport serving the PDS/TDY point and the scheduled aircraft arrival at the airport serving the TDY point/PDS.*** Rest stops must not exceed 24 hours. ***NOTE: A traveler is disqualified from using business-class accommodations at GOV'T expense if (a) a 'stopover' en route is an overnight stay, (b) a rest stop en route is authorized/approved, or (c) an overnight rest period occurs at the TDY location before beginning work.***

G. Insurance Coverage in Foreign Areas. The AO may authorize/approve reimbursement for mandatory insurance coverage required in foreign areas for a rental, GOV'T, or private vehicle used for official travel.

H. Allowable Travel Days. The number of allowed travel days is determined by the transportation mode. For commercial air travel, one day is allowed in CONUS and within OCONUS areas. For travel between CONUS and OCONUS via commercial air, the actual elapsed time is used based on the scheduled departure and arrival times. For travel by commercial ground transportation, the scheduled departure and arrival dates are used. The actual time is used for travel by GOV'T/GOV'T-procured air transportation based on scheduled departure and arrival dates. When the AO authorizes/approves travel by private, rental or GOV'T vehicle (other than GOV'T/GOV'T-procured air), one travel day is allowed for each 400 miles or increment thereof. If travel by POC is used but not authorized/approved by the AO as advantageous, travel time is limited to one day for each leg (for example, from PDS to TDY stop) requiring an overnight stay.

I. Authorized Trips Home during Extended TDY. A traveler on extended TDY (other than deployment), for a continuous period of more than three weeks, may be authorized to periodically return in an official travel status to the PDS, or place of abode from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS, on weekends or other non-workdays.

J. Voluntary Return Home during Intervening Weekend/Holidays. If the AO does not authorize travel home periodically on weekends or non-workdays, it may still be performed for personal convenience. If so, reimbursement for the round-trip transportation and en route per diem is authorized but limited to the amount of per diem the GOV'T would have paid had the traveler remained at the TDY location.

K. Constructed Cost. Constructed transportation costs are based on the non-capacity controlled city-pair airfare, not the capacity-controlled city-pair airfare, if both are available. If a city-pair airfare is not available between origin and destination, the constructed transportation cost is limited by the POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A) (except as limited by JFTR, par. U3125-B1f/JTR, par. C2204-B1f). City-pair airfare transportation is presumed available if there is a city-pair airfare between the origin and destination points, regardless of whether or not space would actually have been available had the traveler used air transportation for the official travel.

L. Travel to/from Transportation Terminals. For transportation to and from transportation terminals see JFTR, pars. U3320, U3410, U3415-D, U3420, and U3430 and JTR, pars. C2101, C2102-F, C2103, C2104, C2105, and C2192.

T4040 LIVING EXPENSES (PER DIEM)

The "Lodgings-Plus" computation method is used to reimburse TDY living expenses. A traveler is paid the actual lodging cost up to a limit, plus a set amount for M&IE. Per diem rates for lodging and M&IE vary by location, but should be sufficient for a comfortable, safe trip. A traveler also can be reimbursed for other necessary allowable travel-related miscellaneous reimbursable expenses (APP G) if the AO authorizes/approves them as appropriate to the mission.

A. Lodging Overnight Required - Business Travel Standards

1. Sleeping

- a. The CTO/TMC makes lodging reservations and reflects the cost estimate (including tax) on the Trip Record.

b. Uniformed Member – A member ordered to a U.S. INSTALLATION (as opposed to a geographic location like a town or city) is required to check the GOV'T QTRS availability (e.g., through the CTOs/TMCs) at the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY. The AO may direct adequate (based on DoD and Service standards) available GOV'T QTRS use for a uniformed member on a U.S. INSTALLATION only if the uniformed member is TDY to that U.S. INSTALLATION. Availability/non-availability must be documented as indicated in par. U1045-C. A member should use adequate available GOV'T QTRS on the U.S. INSTALLATION at which assigned TDY; *however, when adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which a member is assigned TDY and the member uses other lodgings as a personal choice, lodging reimbursement is NTE the GOV'T QTRS cost on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY (44 Comp. Gen. 626 (1965)). Per diem cannot be limited based on the presence of 'nearby' GOV'T QTRS (i.e., not on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY but on another 'nearby' U.S. INSTALLATION or other uniformed facility). The documentation of non-availability indicated in par. U1045-C is required only for GOV'T lodging 'AT' the U.S. INSTALLATION at which the member is assigned TDY.*

NOTE: *The member is not required to seek (or check for) GOV'T QTRS when TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION after non-availability documentation has been initially provided. Checking QTRS availability is a one-time requirement at a TDY U.S. INSTALLATION. (Ex: A member who is required to check QTRS availability on arrival at a U.S. INSTALLATION, does so, and is issued non-availability documentation cannot be required to re-check later for QTRS availability at that U.S. INSTALLATION during that TDY period there). See par. U1045-C.*

c. Civilian Employee

(1) *A civilian employee may not be ordered/required to use GOV'T QTRS, nor may the lodging reimbursement simply be limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost.* In compliance with the requirement to exercise prudence when incurring expenses, an employee should check for GOV'T QTRS availability (e.g., through their CTOs/TMCs), and is encouraged to use those QTRS when TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION. *However, if GOV'T QTRS are available on that installation for an employee TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION, the proper authority under par. C4550-C may prescribe a reduced per diem rate based on the GOV'T QTRS cost. Reduced per diem rates can only be established before travel begins.*

(2) The head of a DOD COMPONENT (APP A) concerned may authorize zero per diem or a [per diem rate \(http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html\)](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) in a lesser amount if the circumstances of the travel or duty to be performed so warrant and are peculiar to that particular DOD COMPONENT. This authority may be delegated to a chief of an appropriate bureau or staff agency of the appropriate DOD COMPONENT's headquarters, and may not be re-delegated. In the absence of a reduced or no per diem authorization on the travel authorization/order before travel begins (or as part of an authorization/ order amendment/modification covering a prospective period after the authorization/order was issued), a travel authorization/order, modified after the fact, prescribing a [different per diem rate](#) is without effect and the locality [per diem rates](#) are used. Reduced per diem rates should incorporate amounts for laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothes if the travel is OCONUS or for less than 4 days in CONUS for an employee or less than 7 days in CONUS for a member. See ***NOTE 1*** (applicable to a civilian employee) following par. T4040-A3 for an explanation concerning separate reimbursement for laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothing.

d. Commercial lodging reimbursement is based on the single occupant rate, up to the TDY site or stopover location maximum. If the CTO/TMC can find only lodgings that cost more than the published maximum rate, the AO may authorize/approve the higher amount such that the actual lodging cost and the per diem M&IE does not exceed 300% of the published rate (lodging plus M&IE). For example, a member is TDY to a location with a maximum per diem of \$110 (\$76 for lodging and \$34 M&IE). The AO could authorize up to \$296 for lodging ($300\% \times \$110 = \$330 - \$34 = \296) if AEA for meals is not authorized. These rates must be placed on the Trip Record. Under special or unusual circumstances a uniformed member may require more than 300% for lodging OCONUS. Rates in excess of 300% may be authorized **only in advance** by PDTATAC or the Secretary Concerned and for **only a uniformed member**. See JFTR, par. U4250. The traveler is financially responsible for charges beyond the basic room fee and tax. The traveler must retain all lodging receipts.

NOTE 1: *The maximum amount allowed for [lodging](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>) in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in the U.S. and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense (APP G) except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid to a uniformed member.*

NOTE 2: *The maximum amount allowed for [lodging](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>) in foreign countries includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in foreign countries is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.*

NOTE 3: *The TDY locality per diem rate is used for computation. However, if neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodgings are available at the TDY location and lodging must be obtained in an adjacent locality at which the locality rate is higher, the AO may authorize/approve the higher locality per diem rate for the lodging location.*

e. Lodging with a Friend or Relative

(1) Applicable to a Uniformed Service Member. ***Reimbursement of lodging cost is not authorized when staying with a friend or relative.*** A member, who lodges with a friend or relative, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible.

(2) Applicable to a Civilian Employee. When a traveler lodges with a friend or relative - with or without charge - the traveler may be reimbursed for additional lodging costs the host incurs in accommodating the traveler, if the traveler can substantiate the costs, and the AO determines the costs are reasonable. ***The traveler may not be reimbursed the cost of comparable conventional lodging in the area or a flat "token" amount.*** See [GSBCA 16836-RELO, 5 June 2006](#). A traveler, who lodges with a friend or relative, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible.

NOTE 1: *If the friend or relative is in the business of renting on a regular basis the lodgings involved – for example, if that individual is operating a hotel or apartment house – the "friends or relatives" provision does not apply. See [GSBCA 14398-TRAV, 24 Feb 1998](#).*

NOTE 2: *Shortly after being transferred to a new PDS, an employee was sent TDY to the old PDS where the employee stayed at the former residence which was not yet sold. GSBCA ruled that the employee was not authorized reimbursement for lodging at the former residence. See [GSBCA 15600-TRAV, 7 March 2002](#).*

NOTE 3: *A traveler assigned at Avon Park Air Force Range (AFR), Florida lives in the Avon Park area during the week at a location approximately fifteen miles from the PDS and commutes to and from the family residence near Orlando, Florida, approximately 100 miles from the AFR, on weekends. The traveler had to attend a meeting near Orlando at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 February. The meeting location was approximately twelve miles from the family residence. The meeting lasted until Friday, 25 February. The traveler began TDY travel to the Orlando area on the evening of Tuesday, 22 February. GSBICA ruled that the traveler should be authorized travel expenses both to and from the TDY location and M&IE even though the traveler lodged at the family residence in the TDY area. GSBICA also indicated that for the first and last days of the TDY, 22 and 25 February (unless the traveler was authorized to return on the 26th) the traveler is authorized 75% of the applicable M&IE rate for each day. M&IE for the days between the first and last days is authorized at the full rate. Adopted from [GSBICA 16652-TRAV, 26 August 2005](#).*

f. If the traveler is on TDY at one location for more than 30 days, lodging reservations should be made on a weekly, monthly, or other long-term basis, if possible. When longer-term lodging is used, the allowable lodging cost includes the rent; charges for furniture rental (as long as an option to buy is not exercised); utilities connections, use and disconnection fees; cleaning fees; telephone monthly use fees, but not toll charges; and other services ordinarily provided by a hotel. The CTO/TMC should be used to make these arrangements unless the CTO/TMC does not provide this service.

(1) If a recreational vehicle (RV) is used for lodging, additional fees that are part of the lodging cost are the charge for the RV parking space, dumping and shower fees, special user fees (for example, cable TV charges) if normally included in the price of hotel rooms in the area, and plug-in fees. Expenses that do not accrue on a daily basis (such as dumping fees) may be averaged over the number of days the traveler is authorized per diem.

(2) A traveler may purchase and occupy a residence at a TDY location. Allowable expenses are the monthly:

- (a) Mortgage interest;
- (b) Property tax; and
- (c) Utility costs actually incurred (does not include any installation and hook-up charges), e.g., electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil, sewer charges,

prorated based on the number of days in the month rather than by the actual number of days the traveler occupied the residence. ([57 Comp. Gen. 147 \(1977\)](#)). *In no case may the total per diem payable exceed the applicable maximum locality rate for the area unless an AEA (see JFTR, Ch 4, Part C/ JTR, Ch 4, Part M) is authorized/approved. The provisions of JFTR, par. U4141/JTR, par. C4555-G do not apply when the residence is purchased.*

NOTE: *A traveler who purchases or rents and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for the cost of: 1. shipment of furniture from previous residence, or 2. purchase of furniture needed for unfurnished temporary duty lodgings, even if shipment/purchase was less expensive than rental would have been. See [GSBICA 16699-TRAV, 17 August 2005](#).*

g. If the traveler incurs an exchange fee to trade an owned timeshare period for a comparable period at lodgings at the TDY point, the exchange fee (but not the annual maintenance fee) is reimbursed as a lodging cost ([B-254626, 17 February 1994](#)).

2. Eating

a. The M&IE for the departure day is 75% of the M&IE rate for the traveler's stopover point or TDY location, as appropriate, that night. If the traveler is traveling and lodging is not used, the M&IE rate is based on the next stopover point or TDY location. The M&IE for the return day to the PDS is 75% of the M&IE rate for the preceding day (last TDY location or stopover point), as appropriate. Any TDY en route locations, on the day travel ends, do not affect the M&IE rate for that return day unless overnight lodgings are required.

Example	
1 Sep	Depart PDS
1 Sep	Arrive TDY A (\$50 M&IE)
10 Sep	Depart TDY A
10 Sep	Arrive TDY B (\$60 M&IE)
10 Sep	Depart TDY B
10 Sep	Arrive PDS
Pay 75% of \$50 (TDY A M&IE for preceding day) on 10 Sep	

b. On other days, the meals and incidentals allowance is the full M&IE for the TDY location or stopover point where lodgings are required unless for Uniformed Service members, the AO specifies one of two other meal rates based on GOV'T dining facility/mess availability. The two rates are either the GMR when all meals on a given day are available or the PMR when at least one meal a day is available. (IE are added to the GMR or PMR.) A GOV'T dining facility/mess is available only if: GOV'T QTRS on a U.S. INSTALLATION are available and the command controlling the dining facility/mess has made the dining facility/mess available to the traveler. A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available on interim travel days. When actual dining facility/mess availability differs from the pre-trip information, the AO may authorize/approve a higher rate (e.g., from PMR plus IE to the locality M&IE rate). *The meal rate established cannot be reduced after-the-fact except for a free meal as described in par. T4040-A2c below.*

NOTE: In circumstances in which adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate instead of the GMR/PMR and \$5 (in CONUS) or the locality IE rate OCONUS (unless the \$3.50 IE rate is authorized for incidental expenses under par. T4040-A3). Just because the QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality meal rate to GMR/PMR.

c. When the GOV'T purchases at least one, but not all three, meals on a calendar day through some means such as a registration fee, the PMR plus IE applies for that day. This does not apply on travel days to and from the PDS. The GOV'T should not pay for the same meal twice (originally by registration fee, etc., and then again through per diem). A meal that is provided to the traveler for which the GOV'T pays nothing does not affect per diem payment. A meal served on a common carrier is not "purchased by the GOV'T." The traveler must indicate on the Trip Record how many meals were free (purchased by the GOV'T) and for which dates.

NOTE 1: If all three meals are provided, only the IE for that day are payable.

NOTE 2: A continental breakfast is a deductible meal if it otherwise qualifies above.

d. A meal provided by a friend/relative or a common carrier do not affect per diem. A complimentary meal provided by a lodging establishment does not affect per diem as long as the room charge is the same with/without meals. See JFTR, par. U4165, items 2e and 2f (uniformed member)/JTR, pars. C4554-B5 and C4554-B6 (civilian employee) when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost. Also see JFTR, pars. U4165 and U4167/JTR, par. C4554-B.

e. In very rare instances, the M&IE rate may not be sufficient and the AO may authorize AEA for M&IE up to 300% of the locality M&IE rate. The reimbursement limit is the lesser of the actual expenses incurred or the AEA maximum amount. The maximum reimbursement for IE is \$5.00 in CONUS and either the locality IE rate or \$3.50 OCONUS for all full TDY days when the AO determines \$3.50 IE is adequate. If AEA is authorized/approved it applies to the entire time at that location and all travel days if no other TDY location is involved.

3. IE. The traveler is paid an IE allowance, such as tips and laundry (in some instances), incurred while traveling. This is the IE part of the M&IE. The daily IE in CONUS is \$5.00. The OCONUS daily IE is the rate for the applicable locality per diem, or \$3.50 when the AO determines \$3.50 to be adequate for anticipated IE.

NOTE 1: Applicable to a civilian employee:

a. The cost incurred during TDY/PCS travel (not after arriving at or returning to the PDS) for personal laundry, dry-cleaning, and pressing of clothing is a separately reimbursable travel expense in addition to per diem/AEA when travel is within CONUS and requires at least 4 consecutive nights TDY/PCS lodging in CONUS.

b. The cost for laundry, dry-cleaning, and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for travel OCONUS and is included as an incidental expense within the per diem authorized for OCONUS travel.

NOTE 2: Applicable to a uniformed member:

a. The cost incurred during TDY travel (not after returning to the PDS) for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing, up to an average of \$2 per day, is a separately reimbursable travel expense in addition to per diem/AEA when travel within CONUS requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging in CONUS.

b. The cost incurred during TDY travel for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable expense for OCONUS travel and is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates authorized for OCONUS travel.

B. Lodging Overnight Required - Schoolhouse Training Standards

1. Schoolhouse training standards are the same as for business travel. However, for training, the training location commander, not the AO, decides if GOV'T QTRS use by a uniformed member is directed and if one of the two M&IE rates based on GOV'T dining facility/mess availability is appropriate. ***GOV'T QTRS use and/or GOV'T dining facility/mess may not be directed for a civilian employee. See par. T4040-A1c.***

2. In some situations, the Secretary Concerned may authorize EUM for students in particular courses when readiness requires GOV'T dining facility/mess use. When EUM applies, a member receives the IE amount, a civilian employee receives the IE amount and reimbursement for the amount paid for food. The prohibition on the meal portion of per diem begins at 0001 on the first full EUM day and ends at 2400 on the last full EUM day. The AO may authorize/approve the actual amount paid NTE the PMR for commercial meals the traveler is required to purchase.

3. The Trip Record must indicate dining facility/mess availability. If that information is not available prior to the trip, the information must be provided to the traveler upon arrival at the school and the trip report changed. When actual dining facility/mess availability differs from the pre-trip information, the AO may approve on a daily basis the PMR (1 or 2 meals) plus IE or the locality M&IE rate (all 3 meals) depending on how many meals were available. The traveler must note on the Trip Record how many meals by date were not available.

C. Lodging Overnight Required - Standards for Deployment, Personnel Traveling Together with No/Limited Reimbursement, and TDY aboard Ships. Other reimbursable expenses (par. T4040-F and App. G) are authorized in the same manner as for business travel. The AO may authorize/approve the actual amount paid up to the PMR (but no IE) for meals and/or payment for lodging when the traveler is not authorized per diem but is required to purchase these items. See par. T4040-A1c if the lodging cost exceeds the published maximum rate.

1. The phrase 'Personnel traveling together' refers to travel away from the PDS during which the mission requires control of the group of travelers. Ordinary business travel reimbursements apply unless the travelers' authorization/order directs no/limited reimbursement, in which case all transportation, food, lodging, and other items ordinarily reimbursed, should be provided to the travelers. ***No per diem is payable when no/limited reimbursement is directed in the authorization/order for personnel traveling together.*** The restriction on paying per diem only includes travel days between duty locations and does not involve allowances for full days at duty locations. The per diem prohibition begins when the member departs the PDS and ends at 2400 of the day the member arrives at the TDY location. The prohibition begins again at 0001 of the departure day from the TDY location until arrival at the PDS. The typical member pays the food cost without operating expense, and a civilian employee pays the food cost and operating expense. A civilian employee is authorized reimbursement of the amount paid for food. ***Directing several personnel to travel together with no/limited reimbursement must never be done simply to save travel funds.***

2. Training exercises, maneuvers, war games, and similar types of operations may be classified as field duty when everything ordinarily associated with per diem is furnished without charge. ***Per diem is not payable during field duty.*** The prohibition on per diem begins at 0001 on the first full day of field duty and ends at 2400 on the last full day of field duty. Lodging is provided and the typical member pays some amount for food; a civilian employee also pays for food. A civilian employee is authorized reimbursement of the amount paid for food. When the Secretary Concerned, or Combatant Commander or JTF commander for a joint deployment, determines that GOV'T dining facility/mess use is essential to accomplish training and readiness, EUM applies. The meals portion of the M&IE is not payable to a member. A civilian employee is authorized reimbursement of the amount paid for food. Each EUM traveler is authorized the IE amount. See par. T4020-B2.

3. Joint deployments involve the temporary assignment of travelers of more than one uniformed service to a provisional force formed for a specific task or operation. TDY options include regular business travel, EUM, or field duty. The Combatant or JTF Commander determines the appropriate option and may specify different options for different locations. For example, field duty might be appropriate for the deployed force main body, but business travel might be appropriate for an interim staging base. In choosing the option to use, the Combatant or JTF Commander should consider, in the following priority: business travel, EUM, field duty. Under normal circumstances, the Combatant Commander should choose business travel unless operational circumstances dictate otherwise. In general, business travel is appropriate for peacekeeping, humanitarian, and relief missions. The Combatant or JTF Commander may authorize EUM when it enhances operational readiness, the conduct of military operations, or is necessary to conduct training. It applies to units only, not to an individual traveler. Table 1 shows the effect of each option on per diem. ***Exception: A traveler receiving the GMR rate while TDY to a JTF Commander's area of responsibility (AOR), who travels within that AOR, is not traveling for M&IE purposes for par. T4040-A2b (e.g., If a TDY traveler travels from one location in the AOR to another location in the AOR, and the GMR rate applies to both locations, then the GMR applies for that day unless GOV'T meals are not available).*** The Combatant or JTF Commander must communicate the TDY option decision (including the appropriate meal rate) to the appropriate Services for inclusion in travel authorizations/orders.

4. TDY aboard Ships

a. No per diem is payable when TDY aboard a U.S. ship since GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are provided. A civilian employee is reimbursed for the amount paid for food. The prohibition on per diem begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day on board and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day from the ship. ***There is no per diem paid for the first and/or last travel day by GOV'T ship when it departs from the port at the traveler's PDS and/or returns to the port at the PDS.***

b. The AO may authorize payment of a per diem when the traveler is TDY aboard a foreign or commercial ship and incurs an expense for other than GOV'T meals. The AO may establish a per diem allowance equal to the daily expenses.

c. *Civilian Employee Only.* In the event an employee maintains commercial lodgings ashore for use following the completion of short trips at sea, the employee is paid the actual daily lodgings cost, NTE the locality per diem lodging ceiling for the TDY location ashore. **Reimbursement for the total cost of QTRS on the ship and lodgings ashore may not exceed the maximum lodging amount prescribed in the TDY locality per diem rates at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>.** When an employee is authorized to procure meals ashore at personal expense, reimbursement is authorized as prescribed in pars. T4040-A2. In any event, the total per diem allowance may not exceed the applicable maximum rate prescribed in the TDY locality per diem rates at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>.

5. Contingency Operation Flat Rate Per Diem (uniformed member only). See par. U4105-I.

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JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS			
TABLE 1			
DEPLOYMENT - JOINT OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS			
Subsist Ashore			
TDY OPTION	SUBSISTENCE	PER DIEM	REMARKS
Business Travel	Commercial Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Meals
	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess – Permanent U.S. INSTALLATION	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate 1/ for GOV'T Meals
	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals – Temporary U.S. INSTALLATION or Temporary Dining Facilities Established for JTF Operation	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and for GOV'T Meals at Discount Meal Rate 2/
	GOV'T Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Meals
	Commercial Lodging and GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess (In AOR only)	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate for GOV'T Meals
EUM	GOV'T Lodging and Use of GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess is Essential for Training and Readiness Purposes	IE	Civilian Employee Pays for GOV'T Meals at Full Meal Rate
Field Duty	GOV'T Lodging, Dining Facility/Mess and Incidentals Provided	None	Civilian Employee pays for GOV'T Meals at Full Meal Rate
Subsist Aboard U.S. GOV'T Ship 3/			
TDY	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals	None	Civilian Employee Pays for Meals

1/ Full Meal Rate = Food costs plus operating expenses.

2/ Discount Meal Rate = Food costs only.

3/ A member/civilian employee deployed who is ordered to subsist ashore – see “Subsist Ashore” (above table) for authorization/order type and payment guidelines.

NOTE: For BAS see DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Ch 25 or Coast Guard, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series), Ch 3.

D. Lodging Overnight Not Required

1. Transportation

a. It is mandatory that a traveler arrange transportation through an available CTO/TMC, even though overnight lodging is not required.

- b. If travel is in the local area (see JFTR, par. U3500/JTR, par. C2400-B) around the PDS, a GOV'T vehicle, public transportation paid for by the command, or a POC may be used.
 - c. See JFTR, par. U3320/JTR, par. C2192 for travel to/from a transportation terminal.
 - d. If a POC is used to/from home, the traveler is authorized the standard mileage rate for the distance driven, minus the normal distance driven to and from work. This most often affects the PDS.
 - e. If the traveler does not travel by POC to work every day, the traveler is reimbursed the standard mileage rate for the distance driven, less the traveler's normal transportation cost to get to work.
 - f. The AO determines reimbursement based on the difference between the cost of using the POC and the traveler's normal cost to get to work.
 - g. Commercial transportation expense reimbursement is authorized/approved **only** if the expenses incurred for travel to the alternate work site exceed the expenses ordinarily incurred by the traveler to commute to the PDS workplace.
 - h. A traveler is authorized reimbursement for other expenses such as tolls and parking when using a POC.
 - i. For distance determination see JFTR, par. U2020/JTR, par. C1065 (DTOD requirements).
2. **Meals.** With two limited exceptions (see par. T4060-B14), a traveler may not be paid for meals within the traveler's PDS boundaries. For travel outside the PDS limits, when the TDY is more than 12 hours, reimbursement is 75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY location (using the highest rate if there is more than one TDY location) for each travel day. **No per diem is authorized when TDY is for 12 or fewer hours.** However, the AO may authorize/approve reimbursement of the actual amount paid, NTE the PMR (not including IE) for the TDY location, when a uniformed member spends more than the cost of normal meal arrangements during travel outside the PDS limits. **See JFTR, par. U4510 for occasional meals authority.**

NOTE: *Mission-related or personal expenses are not reimbursable. These include batteries, tools, film, gifts for childcare, house care, pet care, hotel concierge, or workout room/gym fees, and similar expenses.*

E. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses. See APP G.

F. Reimbursement for Travel Expenses at the TDY Location

- 1. Reimbursement is authorized for necessary travel expenses at the TDY location. For specific expenses see par. T4030.
- 2. GOV'T vehicle/special conveyance use is limited to official purposes such as transportation to and from ([65 Comp. Gen. 253 \(1986\)](#)):
 - a. Duty sites,
 - b. Lodgings,
 - c. Dining facilities,
 - d. Drugstores,
 - e. Barber shops,
 - f. Places of worship,
 - g. Cleaning establishments, and

- h. Similar places required for the traveler's subsistence, health or comfort.
- 3. If a GOV'T vehicle/special conveyance is not authorized, the traveler is authorized reimbursement for necessary public transportation costs.
- 4. If POC use is authorized/approved, reimbursement is the automobile TDY mileage rate times the miles driven for the necessary travel around the TDY location.
- 5. The traveler must note the required miles driven.

T4045 TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR AN RC MEMBER ([48 Comp. Gen. 301 \(1968\)](#))

A. General. Par. T4045 applies to an RC member on active/inactive duty under an authorization/order that provides for return home. See par. U7150 for travel of a cadet and midshipman travel, an applicant and Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (SROTC) member, RC member travel for medical and dental care, a Ready RC member on muster duty, a retiree called to active duty, active-duty-for-training tours of 140 or more days at one location (except as noted in par. U2146), and active-duty-for-other-than-training for more than 180 days at one location (except as noted in par. T4045-E4).

B. Inactive Duty Training. An RC member commits to an obligation to participate in a finite number of scheduled training periods (inactive duty training (IDT) unit drills) annually. Each Service has a different term for these training periods, such as unit training assemblies, or weekend drills. Inherent in this obligation is the travel between the member's home and the location at which the member normally performs "drill" (the armory, reserve center, assembly location, etc.). The member receives no reimbursement for that travel except as provided in par. T4045-G. For par. T4045-B, the **Assigned Unit** is an RC member's designated post of duty and the **TDY Station** is an alternate site outside the local commuting area (see par. U3500) of the member's assigned unit or home.

1. Travel from Home to Assigned Unit or Alternate Site in Local Commuting Area. There is no authorization for travel and transportation allowances. In some cases of a Ready Reserve Select Reserve member, travel expense reimbursement may be authorized/approved under par. T4045-G. The member may be authorized/approved reimbursement under par. T4040-F for transportation expenses in and around the unit/site. When the member travels between home and an alternate site, the member is paid mileage for the distance that exceeds the distance from home to the assigned unit.

2. Travel from Home/Assigned Unit or Other Location to TDY Station. The member is authorized allowances in pars. T4030 and T4040, limited to travel cost from the assigned unit.

3. Travel from a Location Other than Home/Assigned Unit to an Alternate Site within the Local Commuting Area. There is no authorization for travel and transportation allowances; however, the member is paid TDY mileage for the distance traveled limited to the distance from the assigned unit to the alternate site less the distance from home to assigned unit.

C. Travel for AT. For AT travel, a member is authorized payment for 1 round trip between home and the AT site under par. T4030. If the AT is performed in two or more separate tours, the AO may authorize round-trip transportation for each tour. Per diem is payable under par. T4040-A for travel days to and from the AT location, unless the member commutes daily or the AO determines the member can commute.

D. Per Diem Not Payable. No per diem is payable to:

- 1. An RC member at an AT site when both GOV'T QTRS and GOV'T dining facility/mess are available; however, the member is authorized reimbursement for the GOV'T QTRS cost. If GOV'T QTRS and/or GOV'T dining facility/mess are not available, per diem is payable under par. T4040-A;
- 2. An RC member on active duty without pay;

3. A newly enlisted member undergoing training when both GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are available;
4. A Public Health Service officer called to active duty for COSTEP;
5. An RC member who commutes daily, or the AO determines can commute, except for authority under par. T4040-C if required to remain at the place of duty overnight outside the home's city limits;
6. An RC member on inactive duty training except when duty is performed at a location other than the assigned unit (designated post of duty includes training duty station, drill site and city where located) or local area (see par. U3500) of the assigned unit or home. If required to occupy transient GOV'T housing, reimbursement for actual lodging cost is authorized;
7. A Standby RC member voluntarily performing without pay.

E. Per Diem. When an RC member is ordered to:

1. Schoolhouse training, par. T4030 applies for transportation and par. T4040-B for per diem;
2. Deploy, to be one of personnel traveling together under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement, on unit travel, field duty, or at sea training, par. T4030 applies for transportation, and par. T4040-C applies for per diem for periods under 20 weeks. ;
3. Active-duty-for-training (other than schoolhouse) for fewer than 140 days or active-duty-for-other-than-training for 180 or fewer days, transportation is determined under par. T4030, and per diem under business travel rules in par. T4040-A;
4. Active-duty-for-other-than-training for more than 180 days because of unusual or emergency circumstances or exigencies of the Service and the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem, transportation is determined under par. T4030, and per diem under the business travel rules in par. T4040-A (or deployment rules in par. T4040-C).

F. Funeral Honors Duty. An RC member who performs funeral honors in a funeral honors duty status (under 10 USC §12503 or 32 USC §115) at a location 50 or more miles from the member's residence is authorized travel and transportation allowances as for business travel under pars. T4030 and T4040-A and T4040-D.

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G. Inactive Duty Training Outside Normal Commuting Distance. The Secretary Concerned may authorize reimbursement to an eligible Ready Reserve Select Reserve member for travel and transportation related expenses for travel to an inactive duty training location (assigned unit – designated post of duty) to perform inactive duty training when the member is required to commute outside the local commuting distance. For par. T4045-G, "outside the local commuting distance" is defined as the local travel area as prescribed under par. U3500, but not less than 150 miles one-way by DTOD.

1. Eligible Member. A Ready Reserve Select Reserve member (***and not just any*** RC member) must be:
 - a. Qualified in a skill designated as critically short by the Service Secretary;
 - b. Assigned to a Selected Reserve unit with a critical staffing shortage or in a pay grade in the member's RC with a critical staffing shortage; or
 - c. Assigned to a unit or position that is disestablished or relocated as a result of Defense BRAC or another force structure reallocation.
2. Reimbursement. The following travel and transportation expenses for travel to and from an inactive duty training location to perform inactive duty training may be reimbursed, ***NTE a total of \$300 for each round trip.***

a. Transportation. When commercial transportation is used, reimbursement is authorized for the actual cost of the transportation used to include transportation between home and the transportation terminal and between the transportation terminal and the training location. When POC is used, reimbursement is authorized for the actual expense incurred (gas; oil; highway, bridge, and tunnel tolls; parking fees; and other necessary expenses incurred incident to such travel). ***NOTE: Payment may not be on a commuted basis, such as a mileage allowance for transportation costs.***

b. Lodging and Meals. The actual cost of the member's lodging (including tax (see ***NOTE***), tips, and service charges) and actual cost of meals (including tax and tips, but not including alcoholic beverages) may be reimbursed NTE the locality per diem rate (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>).

NOTES:

1. The maximum allowed for CONUS or non-foreign OCONUS area lodging (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>) does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in CONUS or a non-foreign OCONUS area is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense except when 'MALT-Plus' for POC travel is paid.

2. The maximum allowed for foreign OCONUS area lodging (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>) includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in a foreign OCONUS area is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

H. Summary of Allowances for An RC Member

1. Table 1 - Active Duty with Pay

ACTIVE DUTY WITH PAY 1/		
TABLE 1		
Situation 2/	Transportation 3/4/	Per Diem
Annual training duty 5/	Par. T4030 applies.	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS & dining facility/mess available; otherwise par. T4040 applies. 6/7/
PHS officers called to active duty for Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program (COSTEP).	Par. T4030 applies.	Not authorized. 6/7/
Pipeline Student--newly enlisted member undergoing training.	Normally performed as personnel traveling together with no/limited reimbursement (par. T4040-C). If not, may be authorized reimbursement under par. T4030.	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS & dining facility/mess available.
Member commutes or AO determines member can commute.	Par. T4030-E applies for one-round trip only provided the place of active duty is outside home's town/city limits.	Not authorized - payment may be authorized under par. T4040-C if required to remain overnight at place of duty outside home's town/city limits.
Active duty for training for fewer than 140 days or active duty for other than training for 180 or fewer days at one location.	Par. T4030 applies.	Par. T4040 applies.
Active duty for other than training, required by unusual or emergency circumstances or Service exigencies, for more than 180 days.	Par. T4030 applies if the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem; otherwise Ch 5 applies.	Par. T4040 applies if the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem; otherwise Ch 5 applies.

2. Table 2 - Active Duty without Pay

ACTIVE DUTY WITHOUT PAY		
TABLE 2		
Situation 2/	Transportation 3/4/	Per Diem
Others performing duty without pay.	Service discretion to reimburse under par. T4040-C (as for personnel traveling together with no/limited reimbursement) and/or par. T4030-E (reimbursement on mileage basis) none for an RC Standby Reserve member.	Not authorized except occasional meals and/or QTRS may be authorized/ approved (see par. T4040-C) for travel days only 8/.

FOOTNOTES FOR TABLES 1 AND 2

1/ Applies to an RC member called/ordered to active duty with pay under an authorization/order that provides for return to home or place from which called/ordered to active duty. Includes a retired member called to active duty with or without pay (except for periodic physicals for a member on the TDRL, see JFTR, par. U7250).

2/ Except as noted in JFTR, par. U2146.

3/ No travel and transportation allowances are authorized if place of duty and home are in the corporate limits of the same city or town.

4/ An RC member may not be paid for commuting from home to duty - only one round-trip may be paid per active duty period.

5/ Since a training location is the PDS, no per diem is payable when GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are available. Per diem is payable when TDY away from the training location or for traveling to and from the AT location if not in a commuting status.

6/ Temporary lodging facilities are not GOV'T QTRS for purposes of this table.

7/ An RC member on active duty for training not otherwise authorized per diem who occupies transient GOV'T housing may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.

8/ An RC member on active duty for training not otherwise authorized per diem who occupies transient GOV'T QTRS may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.

3. Table 3 - Inactive Duty with or without Pay

INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING WITH OR WITHOUT PAY 1/2/3/		
TABLE 3		
<i>This Table is for informational purposes only. Allowances are prescribed in par. T4045.</i>		
Situation	Transportation	Per Diem
Travel from home to Assigned Unit or alternate site in local commuting area of the member's assigned unit or home. 4/	1. May be authorized reimbursement under par. T4040-F. 2. When the member travels between home and an alternate site, the member is paid mileage for the distance that exceeds the distance from home to the assigned unit.	Not authorized.
Travel from home/assigned unit to TDY Station.	Par. T4030 applies limited to travel cost from the assigned unit.	Par. T4040 applies.
Travel from a location other than home/assigned unit to TDY Station.	Par. T4030 applies limited to travel cost from the assigned unit.	Par. T4040 applies.
Travel from a location other than home/assigned unit to alternate site within the local commuting area.	The member is paid mileage for the distance limited to the distance from the assigned unit to the alternate site less the distance from home to assigned unit.	Not authorized.
RC Standby Reserve member voluntarily performing without pay.	Not authorized.	Not authorized.

FOOTNOTES FOR TABLE 3

1/ For travel and transportation allowance purposes, the assigned unit is the designated post of duty.

2/ TDY station is alternate site outside the local commuting area (see par. U3500) of the member's assigned unit or home for par. T4045.

3/ An RC member on inactive duty for training who is not otherwise authorized per diem and who occupies transient GOV'T housing may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.

4/ See par. T4045-G for limited authority for a Ready Reserve Select Reserve member to be reimbursed travel and transportation expenses when the assigned unit is outside the member's normal commuting distance.

T4050 TAKING A TYPICAL BUSINESS TRIP**A. Before the Trip**

1. Cost Estimate. A traveler should obtain an estimate from the CTO/TMC, or DTS Reservation Module, for the trip. It is the key to several travel and trip funding decisions. It informs the traveler and the AO in advance of the standard and actual arrangements, associated costs, and the allowance maximums. It includes costing for transportation to and from the TDY location, lodging (including tax), and rental car (if authorized). The estimate also reflects the per diem rate broken out by M&IE and lodging and should also include any known planned miscellaneous expenses. A traveler may ask the CTO/TMC to estimate the amount for using a private vehicle or other commercial transportation.

2. Tailoring the Trip. The AO decides if the traveler should use non-standard arrangements for mission reasons. The AO may authorize/approve certain changes for the traveler's convenience (for example, using a car instead of flying). However, the standard arrangement's estimate (as the AO approves for mission reasons) is the reimbursement baseline.

3. Authority for Travel. The AO authorizes the TDY, the arrangements, determines the fund cite, and obligates funds to pay for the trip, to include the payment of a travel advance or scheduled partial payment, if included. The resulting document is the Trip Record.

4. Travel Packet. The CTO/TMC updates the Trip Record with the confirmed reservations and commercial tickets. The TO provides the documents needed for GOV'T transportation if the CTO/TMC does not provide this service.

5. Paying for Arranged Services and Obtaining Cash to Pay for Expenses while Traveling. The CTO/TMC typically charges reservations to an IBA or unit GTCC. Airline or rail tickets may also be charged to a CBA. While on the trip, the traveler should charge expenses incident to official travel on the IBA or unit GTCC, whenever possible. For official travel-related expenses that cannot be charged, the traveler can avoid using personal funds by using the IBA to obtain cash advances or travelers checks. An advance is not an option on a unit travel card.

B. During the Trip

1. Changing Plans. If travel plans change from the itinerary, the traveler should call the CTO/TMC toll-free number, if possible, to modify the itinerary. The CTO/TMC must update the traveler's Trip Record. Although the AO may approve the changes after the trip is complete, it is best if the traveler obtains the AO's authority in advance, and updates the Trip Record. The traveler is reimbursed only for changes the AO approves on the Trip Record.

2. Receipts. The traveler must be able to produce receipts for lodging and individual official travel expenses of \$75 or more.

C. After the Traveler Returns

1. Completing the Expense Report. A traveler should complete and submit the Trip Report expense report within 5 working days after returning from the trip. The receipts (lodging and individual expenses of \$75 or more) must be attached to the expense report. EFT is the preferred reimbursement method, permitting the traveler to select:

- (a) Direct electronic transfer to the GTCC vendor of the authorized expenses charged to the IBA with the remainder going to the traveler's personal bank account, or
- (b) An electronic transfer of the full amount to the traveler's personal bank account. Option (a), does not require the traveler to write a check to the GTCC vendor for official expenses charged.

2. AO Approval. The AO must approve the expenses on the Trip Record before the traveler is reimbursed. This includes reviewing the required receipts.

3. Submitting the Expense Report. If using the DTS, the expense report is automatically routed to a disbursing office for payment. If not using the DTS, a finance office or an office contractually arranged by the traveler's Service or Agency may provide this service. The amount paid is the amount the AO approves.

4. Random Audits. Random audits of travel expense reports are conducted. The traveler or AO may be required to provide additional information to the audit team.

5. Lost/Stolen/Unused Paper Tickets. See JFTR, par. U2515-A/JTR, par. C1320-A. The traveler:

- a. *Must safeguard issued paper tickets, carefully at all times;*
- b. Must immediately report a lost/stolen paper ticket to the issuing CTO/TMC;
- c. Is financially responsible to purchase a replacement ticket, when paper ticket is lost/stolen;
- d. Must not be reimbursed for the purchase of a replacement ticket until the GOV'T has received a refund for the lost/stolen paper ticket;

- e. Is authorized reimbursement initially only for the first ticket purchased (if the traveler paid for both tickets). If the first lost/stolen ticket is recovered, turned in for a refund, and the GOV'T is repaid, reimbursement may then be made for the second ticket, NTE the cost of the first ticket; and
- f. Must return unused paper tickets to the CTO/TMC. Unused electronic tickets must immediately be reported to the CTO/TMC for a refund. **NOTE:** *SF-1170, Redemption of Unused Tickets, found at <http://www.gsa.gov>, is usable, if authorized in Service regulations, ICW turning in unused tickets.*

T4060 AO RESPONSIBILITIES

A. General. The AO has broad authority to determine when TDY travel is necessary to accomplish the unit's mission, authorize travel, obligate unit travel funds, approve trip arrangements, and authorize travel expenses incurred ICW that mission and IAW this Regulation. For a civilian traveler, the AO must determine the travel purpose (see JTR/JFTR, APP H) for notation on the Trip Record. The information provided by the DTS Reservation Module or directly from the CTO/TMC is central in helping to execute those responsibilities.

1. Use the cost estimate on the Trip Record to determine if the travel budget can support the travel. If the standard arrangements made ICW travel policies using GOV'T negotiated airline, lodging and rental car rates do not meet mission needs, the AO may authorize other travel options requested by the traveler, provided they conform to law, regulation, policy and contractual obligations. The AO authorizes the cost estimate.
2. Obtain information on policies relating to transportation and travel arrangements from the CTO/TMC and TO, command channels or Service headquarters to assist in future travel decisions.
3. Assure the traveler has access to a GTCC (the unit's or a CBA) if the traveler does not have an GTCC IBA. Refer inquiries about card usage to the local GTCC program coordinator or the TO.
4. Adhere to policies and procedures IAW this regulation, use good judgment in obligating unit funds, and ensure the traveler receives adequate reimbursement IAW this regulation.

B. What's Allowable and Not Allowable

1. Transportation

a. What an AO may direct. Other than a private or rental vehicle, an AO may direct the traveler to use a particular transportation mode, when it is essential to mission success.

b. Options on city-pair flight use. See APP P. **NOTE:** *Regulations applicable to the Contract city-pair Program are found in DoD 4500.9-R, Part I, Ch 103, pars. A2 and B2 available at: <http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtr.html>.*

2. Authorizing Business-class Transportation Accommodations. Only the officials listed in JFTR, pars. U3125-B2b and U3135-C (trains only)/JTR, pars. C2204-B2b and C2208-C (trains only) may authorize/approve business-class accommodations use (two-star level or civilian equivalent). Examples of reasons for use of business-class accommodations are found in JFTR, par. U3125-B4/JTR, par. C2004-B4, and must be recorded on the Trip Record.

NOTE:

1. *If business-class seating is provided at GOV'T expense, the traveler is not eligible for a rest period upon arrival at the duty site or a rest stop en route – at GOV'T expense.*
2. *Scheduled flight time is the time between the scheduled aircraft departure from the airport serving the PDS/TDY point and the scheduled aircraft arrival at the airport serving the TDY point/PDS.*

3. *The 14-hour rule only (JFTR par. U3125-B4i/JTR, par. C2204-B4i) applies en route to the TDY site. On a return trip to the PDS, a business-class transportation authorization should not be provided.*

4. *When use of business-class accommodations is authorized/approved, use of business-class airfares provided under the Contract City-Pair Program is mandatory.*

5. *When scheduling flights of 14 or more hours, the first choice is always to use economy/coach class and arrive the day before the TDY begins to allow for appropriate rest. Second choice always is to use economy/coach class and arrange an en route rest stop (preferably at a no-cost point allowed by the airline) with arrival on the day TDY starts. The last option, and the most expensive option that should be avoided whenever possible, is to use business accommodations arriving on the day the TDY starts. The AO is not required to authorize/approve a rest stop or an upgrade.*

NOTE: Title 49 USC §40118(d) permits the Secretary of State and the Administrator of AID to authorize their employees to travel by foreign air carriers between two places in foreign areas even if U.S.-certificated air carriers are available. This authority does not apply to a Uniformed Service member (The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, NOAA, PHS), a DoD civilian employee, or their dependents. A Uniformed Service member, a DoD civilian employee, and their dependents are required to use available U.S.-certificated carriers for all commercial foreign air transportation as indicated in par. T4060.

3. **Using U.S.-certificated Carriers.** Available U.S.-certificated air carriers must be used for all commercial foreign air transportation of persons/property when the GOV'T funds the air travel (49 USC §40118 and [B-138942, 31 March 1981](#)). See JFTR, par. U3125-C/JTR, par. C2204-B. *U.S.-certificated carriers are not "available" if:*

- a. Use of a U.S.-certificated air carrier would extend the travel by at least 24 hours when traveling between a U.S. gateway airport and a foreign gateway airport that is the origin or destination;
- b. Use of a U.S.-certificated air carrier would require the traveler to wait four hours or more at a foreign gateway interchange point or extend the travel time by at least six hours more when traveling between two points outside the U.S.;
- c. Use of a non-U.S.-certificated air carrier would eliminate two or more aircraft changes en route on a trip between points in foreign areas (i.e., the travel is not through the U.S. or a non-foreign OCONUS location);
- d. The elapsed travel time by a non-U.S.-certificated air carrier is three hours or less and travel by a U.S.-certificated air carrier would be at least twice the time;
- e. The travel can only be financed with excess foreign currency and available U.S.-certificated air carriers do not accept the currency;
- f. Only first class accommodations are available on a U.S.-certificated air carrier while less-than-first-class accommodations are available on a non-U.S.-certificated air carrier; or
- g. Air transportation on a non-U.S.-certificated air carrier is paid in full directly, or later reimbursed, by a foreign government (e.g., under Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case funded with foreign customer cash or repayable foreign military financing credits), an international agency, or other organization. ([B-138942, 31 March 1981](#) and [57 Comp. Gen. 546 \(1978\)](#)); ***NOTE:*** See the Security Assistance Management Manual, Ch 4, par. C4.5.12 of DoD 5105.38-M, when travel is on Security Assistance Business.

NOTE 1: The 'Fly America Act' does not require travel across the CONUS when traveling between two OCONUS locations (e.g., Travel from Europe may be routed in an easterly direction to Asia instead of west via CONUS. When it is determined that a U.S.-certificated air carrier is or was not reasonably available for the most direct route between two OCONUS locations, use of a non-U.S.-certificated air carrier may be authorized/approved ([GSBCA 16632-RELO, 15 July 2005](#))).

NOTE 2: When using code share flights involving U.S.-certificated air carriers and non-U.S.-certificated air carriers, the ticket must be issued through the U.S.-certificated air carrier. If the ticket is issued through the non-U.S.-certificated air carrier is used on the ticket, the ticket is considered to be a non-U.S.-certificated air carrier and a non-availability of U.S.-certificated air carrier document is needed.

4. Travel Involving Leave or Personal Convenience Travel. The AO may permit a traveler to combine official travel with leave or personal travel. ***Contract fare travel must never be used for personal travel. See JFTR/JTR, APP P, Part II, par. E.*** The official portion must be arranged through the CTO/TMC. Transportation reimbursement is authorized for the cost of official travel between duty stations only. The traveler may arrange other travel plans and pay the excess above the official cost; no excess costs for travel or M&IE are borne by the GOV'T. For a civilian traveler, JTR, par. C4563-C applies. A member is not authorized per diem on any day leave is charged. Do not permit a TDY trip that is an excuse for personal travel.

5. Lodging Selection

a. CTO/TMC Lodging Arrangements. The AO should approve lodging arrangements arranged by the CTO/TMC to minimize the use of rental cars and maximize the use of mass transportation when it is consistent with mission requirements and cost effective.

b. Lodging Required on the Day Travel Ends. When lodging is required on the day travel ends and the AO authorizes/approves the traveler to obtain lodging, the lodging reimbursement must be based on the locality rate, or AEA if appropriate, for the en route TDY site.

6. Rental Car. The AO may authorize the CTO/TMC to arrange a rental car when it is the most cost-effective or efficient way to complete the overall mission. The compact car size should be authorized unless a larger vehicle is justified IAW JFTR, par. 3415-C1/JTR, par. C2102-C1.

7. Authorized Trips Home during Extended Business TDY. ***The AO may authorize return trips to the PDS or home only when travel funds are available to support the travel expenses.*** The AO must determine that savings outweigh the periodic return travel costs. The TDY assignment length and purpose, return travel distance, increased member or employee efficiency and productivity, and reduced recruitment and retention costs must be considered. ***An analysis must be conducted at least every other year.*** The travel should be performed outside the traveler's regularly scheduled duty hours or during leave. For a civilian employee, scheduling the authorized travel to minimize payment of overtime should be considered. This authority applies only to business or training TDY.

8. Phone Calls to Home or Family during TDY. The AO may determine certain communications to a traveler's home/family are official. These communications must be only to advise of the traveler's safe arrival, to inform or inquire about medical conditions, and to advise regarding changes in itinerary. The AO should limit these communications to a dollar amount in advance of the TDY so the traveler is aware of the limit. The AO may approve charges after the TDY, when appropriate ([GSBCA 14554-TRAV, 18 August 1998](#)).

9. Travel Expense Report. The Trip Record contains the expense report. The AO must review the amounts claimed on the traveler's expense report as soon after receiving it as possible. The AO's signature on the expense report certifies that the travel was taken, the charges are reasonable, the phone calls authorized for reimbursement are in the GOV'T's best interest, and approves the reimbursement of the authorized expenses. Expense reports are subject to random selection for examination based on financial management directives.

10. TDY from Leave. An AO may direct someone on leave to perform TDY if the need for the TDY is unknown prior to the leave. If directed, the traveler must be authorized payment of normal TDY costs from the leave location to the TDY location and back to the leave location, or back to the PDS.

11. Shipment or Storage of HHG. An AO may authorize/approve shipment of unaccompanied baggage for an employee (JTR, par. C2309), or a small amount of HHG for a member (JFTR, par. U4705) to the TDY point. Also, the AO may authorize/approve storage of HHG for a member when appropriate. For example, storage may be authorized during a deployment. See the rules for shipping and storage HHG while on TDY in JFTR, Ch 4, Part H.

12. Lower or No Per Diem Rates. There may be situations in which the combination of published per diem rates with lodging and dining facility/mess availability may result in illogical payments. For example, a remote TDY location with no GOV'T dining facility/mess may have a club at which the meal cost is only a fraction of the full M&IE. In these cases, an AO may recommend payment of lower or no per diem to the Service PoC listed in the JFTR/JTR Introductions under the heading Feedback Reporting. ***Lower per diem rates can only be established before travel begins.*** See par. T4040-A1c(2) for more on reduced per diem for a civilian employee.

13. Allowable Travel Days. The CTO/TMC computes the number of days allowed for travel based on the transportation modes the AO specifies. See par. T4030-H. However, when the traveler uses more than the allowed days, the AO may approve the extra time as official. Generally, an AO should only approve extra time when the reasons for the additional time were beyond the traveler's control (for example, strikes, weather).

14. TDY within the PDS Limits. Per diem may not be paid for expenses within the PDS limits, except:

- a. Under emergency circumstances that threaten injury to human life or damage to GOV'T property when authorizing per diem is the only method to handle the situation; and,
- b. To a uniformed member escorting arms control inspection team members engaged in activities related to implementing an arms control treaty or agreement.

Reimbursement is for actual meal costs up to the PMR (not including IE) and/or the actual lodging cost up to the maximum rate for the PDS. Justifying reasons must be noted on the Trip Record.

15. TDY aboard Ships. Normally, a TDY traveler aboard a ship is fed without charge making the traveler ineligible for per diem. However, a TDY traveler aboard a non-U.S. government ship may be charged for meals. In this situation, an AO can determine a per diem rate to cover the food cost. This should not be confused with an officer paying for meals in the same manner as a ship's company officer.

16. Additional Allowable Travel Expenses for an Employee with a Disability. An AO may authorize/approve certain additional travel expenses for an employee with a disability, such as the transportation and subsistence expenses of an attendant accompanying the employee, and the cost of renting and/or transporting a wheelchair. See JTR, Ch 7, Part J, for specifics.

17. TDY Canceled or Modified. When it is necessary to cancel or modify a TDY trip after the traveler has incurred nonrefundable expenses in preparation for the trip, such as nonrefundable advance room deposits, an AO may authorize/approve reimbursement of those expenses.

18. TDY and RC Active Duty Time Limits for Per Diem Purposes

- a. Except for TDY with units deployed afloat, TDY is limited to 180 consecutive days at any one location, unless a Service or Agency Headquarters, or the Commander/Deputy Commander of a Combatant Command, authorizes an extension. See JFTR/JTR, Introductions for the Service points of contact. ***A civilian employee should see Internal Revenue Service (IRS), state, and local rules for income tax implications for TDY beyond one year.*** A school of at least 140 days duration is a PCS for a uniformed member (except as noted in JFTR, pars. U1036 or U2146).

b. For an RC member, if active duty for training is fewer than 140 days, or fewer than 180 days for other than training duty at any one location, travel and transportation allowances are payable as for TDY. When an RC member is called to active-duty-for-training for 140 or more days, or more than 180 days for active-duty-for-other-than-training at one location, travel and transportation allowances are payable under JFTR, Ch 5, as for PCS for an RC member unless the call to active-duty-for-other-than-training is because of unusual or emergency circumstances or exigencies of the Service concerned and the Secretarial Process authorized per diem.

19. Movement of an Employee's Dependents and HHG to Training Location. If the estimated per diem the employee would receive at the training location, based on AO approved arrangements, is more than the estimated cost of transporting the dependents and HHG to and from the training location, the AO may authorize round trip transportation of the dependents and HHG between the PDS and the training location in lieu of the estimated per diem payment. Transportation of dependents and HHG are IAW JTR, Chs 7 and 8. Private vehicle mileage is reimbursed under JTR, par. C5050.

20. Temporary Change of Station (TCS). Instead of authorizing extended TDY (between 6 and 30 months) for an employee, an AO may authorize a TCS. The employee (but not a member) is authorized limited PCS allowances rather than TDY allowances. See JTR, Ch 5, Part O.

21. Termination of Per Diem when Traveler Dies while on TDY. When a traveler dies while on TDY, per diem continues through the actual (or determined) date the traveler died.

22. Per Diem when TDY or PDS Location Is a Reservation, Station, Other Established Area or Established Large Reservation Subdivision. When the TDY point or new PDS is a reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) that falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), the per diem rate is the locality rate specifically listed for the reservation, station or other established area. When the location (reservation, station or other established area) is not specifically listed in the [per diem tables](#), the per diem rate is the rate applicable to the front gate location for the reservation, station or other established area.

23. Lodging Not Available at TDY Location. The TDY locality per diem rate for the location at which lodging is obtained is used for computation only when a traveler is TDY at a location where neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodging is available. This applies only when the locality per diem rate for the lodging location is higher than the locality per diem rate for the TDY location. The higher per diem rate must be authorized/approved by the AO.

T4070 TDY GLOSSARY

Authorize. The giving of permission before an act.

Approve. The ratification or confirmation of an act already done.

Group movement. A movement of 2 or more official travelers traveling as a group, under the same authorization/order (either PCS or TDY), for which transportation is GOV'T-owned/procured from the same origin to the same destination. Movement could include locations en route as specified on the authorization/order. ***NOTE: Personnel traveling together under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement may travel between any points en route, provided that the authorization/order specifically indicates the points between which the status applies.***

Must, Shall, Should, May, Can, Will. The following definitions from DoD 5025.1-M apply:

HELPING VERB	DEGREE OF RESTRICTION
Must, shall	Action is mandatory
Should	Action is required, unless justifiable reason exists for not taking action
May, can	Action is optional
Will	Is not restrictive; applies only to a statement of future condition or an expression of time

Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel. Official travel of a temporary duration away from the traveler's PDS. There are three types of TDY travel with different allowances:

Business Travel. Conducting business at a location other than the PDS. It incorporates any type of travel not included in schoolhouse training or deployment or unit travel. It also includes certain local travel, but not leave or evacuation.

Schoolhouse Training Travel. Travel ICW TDY attendance at formal course(s) of instruction by a civilian employee or a uniformed member (other than a uniformed member who has not yet reached the first PDS).

Deployment, Personnel Traveling Together Under An Authorization/Order Directing No/Limited Reimbursement, and Unit Travel. Includes a unit traveling in support of a combat mission, peacekeeping, and disaster relief. It also includes field or maneuver training and sea duty when troops involved are not permanently assigned to a ship. The GOV'T provides all transportation, lodging, and eating facilities when personnel traveling together are under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement.

Trip Record. This document, in either electronic or paper form, provides the vehicle on which are recorded all official travel authorizations, initial options, modifications, and payment decisions. Prepared by the CTO/TMC, it is the single trip document that includes the travel authorization/order and fund cite, the should-cost estimate, the itinerary, updates to the itinerary made during the trip, and serves as the expense report when the traveler returns. This is also called an authorization/order.

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PART III: DoD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE STANDARD TOURS OF DUTY

See JTR, Ch 5, Part A for applicable regulations.

A. Standard Tours of Duty. Standard tours of duty are:

1. 36 months under an initial service agreement, and
2. 24 months under a renewal agreement

and apply to an employee assigned OCONUS unless an exception is prescribed in this APP. See JTR, par. C5570-C.

B. Tour Length Exceptions. The 24, 18, and 12-month tours apply to the entire location listed for an accompanied or unaccompanied employee unless a statement appears limiting applicability to:

1. A specific area within that location,
2. Certain employees, and/or
3. An employee on a renewal agreement tour.

C. Accompanied vs. Unaccompanied Tours of Duty. For a location at which one tour length is prescribed for an employee authorized, and accompanied by, dependents and a shorter tour is prescribed for an employee not authorized to have dependents present, the shorter tour length applies if the employee is authorized, but is not accompanied by, dependents.

D. Special Circumstance Tour of Duty. For a special circumstance tour of duty location, see APP Q, Part IV, par. A.

E. Tour Lengths

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, the tour lengths listed below apply to initial and renewal tours.

<u>Location</u>	<u>36-Month Tour</u>	<u>24-Month Tour</u>	<u>18-Month Tour</u>	<u>15-Month Tour</u>	<u>12-Month Tour</u>
Afghanistan		X			
Alaska					
Adak					X
Aleutian Islands					X
Isolated Mainland Bases					X
Kodiak Island					X
Ascension Island					X
Australia					
Northwest Cape		X			
Azores (See Portugal)		X			
Bahamas					
Andros Island		X			
Bahrain		X ¹⁸	X ²		
Bosnia-Herzegovina		X			
Banja Luka		X ⁹			
British Indian Ocean Territory					
Diego Garcia Island					X
Bulgaria			X ²		
Burma (See Myanmar)					

APP Q: OCONUS Tour Lengths/Tours of Duty (JFTR/JTR)
Part 3: DoD Civilian Employee Standard Tours of Duty

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<u>Location</u>	<u>36-Month Tour</u>	<u>24-Month Tour</u>	<u>18-Month Tour</u>	<u>15-Month Tour</u>	<u>12-Month Tour</u>
Canada					
Newfoundland & Labrador					
Gander					X
Argentia		X ¹	X ²		X
Northwest Territories					X
St. Anthony					X
Christmas Island					X
Commonwealth of the N. Mariana Islands					
Saipan		X			
Croatia		X			
Cuba					
Guantanamo Bay		X ¹			X ²
Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire)		X			
Diego Garcia (See British Indian Ocean Territory)					
Dominican Republic		X			
Egypt		X ¹			X ²
El Salvador			X ²		
Eniwetok (See Marshall Islands)					
Ethiopia					X
Finland (all locations outside Helsinki)		X			
Greece		X			
Greenland			X		
Guam		X			
Haiti		X ¹			X ²
Honduras			X ²		
Hong Kong		X			
Hungary (<i>eff 11-25-08</i>)					
Papa		X ¹		X ²	
Iceland		X ⁴			X ^{2 6}
Indonesia					X ²
Iran (except as indicated below)					X
Isfahan		X			
Tehran		X			
Israel		X ¹	X ²		
Italy					
Sardinia (La Maddalena)		X ⁴	X ^{5 6}		
Sicily (Comiso and Ragusa)		X ⁴	X ^{5 6}		
Japan					
Iwo Jima					X
Kure		X ¹			X ²
Ryukyu Islands		X ¹			
Wakkanai		X ¹			X ²
Johnston Atoll		X ⁴			X ^{2 6}
Jordan		X			
Korea (except as indicated below)	X ³	X ¹			X ²
Dongducheon (Camps Casey, Hovey, Mobile, and Castle)		X ¹			X ²
Uijongbu (Camps Jackson, Red Cloud, Stanley)		X ¹			X ²
Kuwait		X ¹			X ²
Kwajalein (See Marshall Islands)					
Laos		X			
Liberia		X ⁹			
Libya			X		

<u>Location</u>	<u>36-Month Tour</u>	<u>24-Month Tour</u>	<u>18-Month Tour</u>	<u>15-Month Tour</u>	<u>12-Month Tour</u>
Mahe Island (See Seychelles)					
Marshall Islands					
Eniwetok					X
Kwajalein		X			
Mexico					
Coatzacoalcos		X ¹	X ^{2 6}		
Vera Cruz		X ¹	X ^{2 6}		
Midway Islands					X
Montenegro		X			
Morocco		X			
Myanmar		X			
Nigeria		X ¹			X ²
Oman		X ¹			X ²
Pakistan (except as indicated below)			X		
Islamabad					X ²
Karachi					X ²
Lahore					X ²
Peshawar					X ²
Panama		X			
Philippines		X			
Portugal					
Azores		X			
Puerto Rico		X			
Romania			X ²		
Qatar		X ¹			X ²
Russia					
Moscow		X			
Saudi Arabia		X ^{1 7}			X ²
Serbia		X			
Seychelles					
Mahe Island					X
Somali Republic			X		
Taiwan		X			
Thailand		X ¹			X ²
Turkey (except as indicated below)		X			
Cakmakli					X ²
Corlu					X ²
Diyarbakir					X ²
Izmir					X ²
Murs					X ²
Ortakoy					X ²
Sinop					X
Venezuela		X			
West Indies					
Eleuthera Island					X
Grand Bahama Island					X
Grand Turk Island					X
Mayaguana Island					X
San Salvador Island					X
St. Lucia Island					X
Yemen, Republic of					
Sanaa		X ^{4 9}			X ^{2 6}
Zaire (See Democratic Republic of Congo)					

1/ For an employee authorized, and accompanied by, a dependent.

2/ For an employee not authorized to have a dependent present.

***3/** For an area authorized a 36-month accompanied-by-dependents tour, an employee may accept a 36- or 24-month accompanied tour. All 36-month tours shall be coordinated between the gaining agency and Commander, USFK, to ensure infrastructure, services, and base support is available.

***4/** For an employee on an initial service agreement authorized, and accompanied by, a dependent.

***5/** For an employee on an initial service agreement not authorized to have a dependent present.

***6/** For an employee serving on a renewal agreement.

***7/** PDUSD (P&R) memo of 17 July 2008 approves the return of adult non-school age dependents only to Eskan Village, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. An employee executing an accompanied tour (24 months) to this area must be provided an opportunity, once in Saudi Arabia, to assess within a reasonable amount of time (90 or fewer days from the employee's arrival date), whether or not the employee believes that the security conditions under which the family will reside are consistent with the family's expectations and personal level of comfort and wellbeing. An employee may elect to return dependents to CONUS IAW JTR, par. C5450-A3, and serve the unaccompanied tour (12 months).

***8/** USD (P&R) memo of 25 June 2009 approves the return of all dependents to Bahrain. An employee executing an accompanied tour (24 months) to this area must be provided an opportunity, once in Bahrain, to assess within a reasonable amount of time (90 or fewer days from the employee's arrival date), whether or not the employee believes that the security conditions under which the family will reside are consistent with the family's expectations and personal level of comfort and wellbeing. An employee may elect to return dependents to CONUS IAW JTR, par. C5450-A3, and serve the unaccompanied tour (18 months).

***9/** May be accompanied by adult dependents age 18 years or older.

PART II: CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A. General. A DoD civilian employee and/or a Uniformed Service member may attend and participate in conferences/meetings of recognized professional organizations to maintain and improve professional competency at GOV'T expense (including TDY expenses), subject to the availability of funds and the employee's/member's work responsibilities.

B. Authority. Title 5 USC §4110 and 37 USC §412 authorizes conference attendance expenditures for meetings concerned with the functions and activities of the Uniformed Services/DoD AGENCY which contribute to improved conduct, supervision, or management of the component's functions and activities are authorized as a necessary expense. This authority applies to attendance at technical, scientific, professional, or similar private membership non-Federal societies and organizations ([38 Comp. Gen. 800 \(1959\)](#) and [55 Id. 1332 \(1976\)](#)). This authority is independent of the training authority included in JTR, par. C4500 and JFTR, par. U1050 unless it is administratively determined that training is the primary purpose of attendance at a meeting.

C. Government Sponsored Conference. Attendance at GOV'T expense may be authorized for the following:

1. Conferences sponsored or cosponsored by a Federal AGENCY at which a member's/DoD civilian employee's attendance is required in the performance of official duties;
2. Conferences of state/municipals GOV'T organizations, or of international agencies in which the Federal Government is officially participating, and the member's/DoD civilian employee's attendance is related to official duties or for the purpose of transacting GOV'T business;
3. Conferences of a group of individuals representing private interests, but convened for the purpose of transacting business directly related to the Uniformed Service's or DoD AGENCY'S functions or activities and attendance is in the member's/DoD civilian employee's official performance; and
4. Similar activities.

D. Non-Government Sponsored Conferences

1. General. Conference attendance at non-Federal technical, scientific, professional, and comparable private membership organizations is subject to the conditions in APP R, Part I.

2. Attendance and Approval Requirements. Attendee selection and approval is subject to Uniformed Service/DoD AGENCY regulations consistent with the regulations on acceptance of payment from a non-federal source for travel Expenses (see the Joint Ethics Regulation (JER), DoD 5500.7-R, at http://www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/index.html).

3. Purpose. A Uniformed member and/or a DoD civilian employee may attend conferences at GOV'T expense to:

- a. Further Service or DoD AGENCY programs;
- b. Present scientific and technical papers which further the development of the U.S. resources; and
- c. Maintain an effective professional, scientific, technical, managerial, and supervisory workforce.

4. Security. An appropriate security officer at the activity concerned should examine the security implications for attendance at all meetings and conferences conducted or sponsored by private or international organizations. A member/DoD civilian employee who attends such meetings must be briefed about security implications, when necessary, prior to attendance.

E. Registration Fees and Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses

1. When Travel Is Involved. Registration fees authorized in the travel authorization/order or approved on a travel claim voucher are reimbursable. The PMR applies on any day that the cost for one or two meals is included in the registration fee (JTR, par C4554-B and JFTR, par. U4165). Information should be included on the travel authorization/order as to whether or not the registration fee includes charges for meals, and if so, the number of meals and the dates on which furnished. When the registration fee includes lodgings without charge, only the appropriate applicable [PMR](#) or TDY locality [M&IE rate](#) is paid

2. When No Travel Is Involved. The registration fee may be reimbursed when attendance is authorized for a conference in the local area that:

- a. Does not involve travel,
- b. Does not involve per diem, and
- c. For which a travel authorization/order is not issued.

3. Limitation on Reimbursement for Meal Costs when Attending a Conference/Meeting Sponsored by a Uniformed Service or DoD AGENCY. The cost of each meal, whether included in a registration fee or contracted for separately, at a Uniformed Service or DoD AGENCY sponsored conference/meeting must be identified. The total amount paid by the GOV'T for meals cannot exceed the locality meal rate prescribed for the TDY assignment location (if travel is involved) or the meeting location (when travel is not involved), unless AEA reimbursement for the meal(s) involved has been authorized/approved in accordance with JFTR, Ch 4, Part C and/or JTR, Ch 4, Part M. When travel is involved, the maximum contracted amount for 1 or 2 meals cannot exceed the difference between the locality meal rate and the PMR.

4. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses. Independent charges/fees for light refreshments/snacks are not a reimbursable expense.

5. Conferences/Training at the PDS. Payment of registration fees, meals, lodging, travel, and/or other expenses required for conferences/training at the PDS cannot be paid as travel allowances per 37 USC §404. For authority to pay related training costs at the PDS see 10 USC §2013; 5 USC §4109; 42 USC §218a; and 14 USC §469. The costs must clearly be an integral part of the training ([39 Comp. Gen. 119 \(1959\)](#); and [B-244473, 13 January 1992](#)). When training events require lodging and subsistence costs at the PDS, authority for training expense payment is made through the training and/or comptroller personnel using the above legal authority. ***This regulation is not the authority for this payment nor is it a travel and transportation allowance.***

Charges/fees for light refreshments/snacks are reimbursable ONLY when included as part of the conference registration fee.

F. Membership Fees and Dues. The Secretary Concerned or DoD AGENCY Head may pay membership fees or dues from appropriated funds when the membership is in the GOV'T's interest and the membership is in the Uniformed Service's or DoD AGENCY'S name (e.g., Defense Travel Management Office). ([31 Comp. Gen. 398 \(1952\)](#); [33 id. 126 \(1953\)](#)).

G. Entertainment Expenses. Entertainment expenses for social events and other personal expenses not directly required by official duties are not reimbursable.

H. Advance Payment of Discounted Conference or Training Registration Fee (adapted from [FTR §301–74.25](#))

1. **General.** It is a general practice for conference planners to offer discounted “early bird” registration fees, which are available in the months prior to the beginning of the conference. If a GTCC IBA is to be used to pay this fee, to take advantage of such specials, a traveler should be given oral or written authorization/order to register early, charge the registration fee to the GTCC IBA, and claim reimbursement for the discounted registration fee as soon as a written authorization/order to attend the conference has been generated. When the authorization to register early is oral, the written authorization/order must reference the oral authorization for the early registration. This does not prevent other payment methods for advance registration fees (e.g., GOV’T purchase card (not a GTCC)).

2. **Traveler is Unable to Attend an Event for which Reimbursement Was Made** (adopted from [FTR §301–74.26](#)). In all cases in which a traveler is unable to attend an event for which a discounted registration fee was paid and reimbursed in advance of the event, the traveler must seek a registration fee refund and repay the advance with any refund received. If no refund is made, the Service concerned must absorb the advanced payment as a preparatory travel expense if the traveler’s failure to attend the event was caused either by a decision of the Service concerned or for reasons beyond the traveler’s control that are acceptable to the Service concerned, e.g., unforeseen illness or emergency. ***If no refund is made, and the traveler’s failure to attend the scheduled event is due to reasons deemed un-excusable by the Service concerned, the traveler must repay the amount advanced.***

I. Comptroller General of the United States Guidance Concerning Reasonable Conference Costs Including Meals and Light Refreshments at a Formal Conference. Following is the Digest portion of the Comptroller General Decision ([B-300826, 3 March 2005](#)) rendered to the National Institutes of Health concerning reasonable conference costs.

Decision

Matter of: National Institutes of Health - Food at GOV’T-Sponsored Conferences

File: B-300826

Date: March 3, 2005

DIGEST

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) may pay for legitimate, reasonable conference costs, including meals and light refreshments, of a formal conference pertaining to Parkinson's disease subject to the conditions outlined herein. A formal conference typically involves topical matters of interest to, and participation of, multiple agencies and/or nongovernmental participants. In addition, other indicators of a formal conference include registration, a published substantive agenda, and scheduled speakers or discussion panels. An AGENCY hosting a formal conference may consider the cost of providing meals and refreshments to conference attendees an allowable conference cost as long as:

- (1) Meals and refreshments are incidental to the conference,
- (2) Attendance at the meals and when refreshments are provided is important for the host AGENCY to ensure full participation in essential discussions, lectures, or speeches concerning the purpose of the conference, and
- (3) The meals and refreshments are part of a formal conference that includes not just the meals and refreshments and discussions, speeches, or other business that may take place when the meals and refreshments are served, but also includes substantial functions occurring separately from when the food is served.

The NIH conference here satisfies these three criteria. Without statutory authority to charge a fee and retain the proceeds, NIH may not charge a registration or other fee to defray the costs of providing meals or light refreshments. An appropriation establishes a maximum authorized program level, and an AGENCY, without specific statutory authority, may not augment its appropriations from sources outside the GOV’T.

In applying this decision, NIH should develop an AGENCY policy specifying the types of formal conferences at which NIH may consider providing food. NIH also should develop procedures to ensure that the provision of meals and refreshments meet the criteria listed above.

We (GAO) expect AGENCY counsels, as well as certifying officers, AGENCY auditors, and Inspectors General, to apply these criteria. To the extent that AGENCY officials are uncertain as to the applicability of the criteria in particular circumstances, they may request a decision from this office, pursuant to 31 USC §3529, before proceeding.

*J. PMR Computation Examples. The following example shows how to compute the PMR and a PMR voucher. PMR is an amount based on the locality meal rate and the GMR. Please check JFTR or JTR, APP A, for the current GMR.

*1. The PMR example uses the Standard CONUS M&IE rate of \$46 and the Standard GMR of \$10.80 to compute the PMR amount. The \$46 consists of \$41 for meals and \$5 for incidental expenses. ***Disclaimer: The numbers in this example are for illustrative purposes only.***

Example computation rules: the PMR is an average of two rates – (1) the locality meal rate and the GMR which are added, (2) averaged and rounded up to the nearest dollar. To compute the Proportional M&IE rate, (3) add the appropriate incidental expense rate, and (4) the total becomes the proportional M&IE amount.

NOTE: The meal rate ONLY, and not the entire M&IE rate, is used to compute the PMR. The appropriate incidental expenses rate is added to the PMR to create the proportional M&IE rate.

Step 1	Add the locality <u>meal rate</u> and <u>GMR</u>	*\$41.00 + \$10.80 = \$51.80
Step 2	Divide Step 1 total in half (rounded to the next highest dollar)	*\$51.80 ÷ 2 = \$25.90 (Rounded up to \$26.00)
Step 3	Add Step 2 total to the CONUS incidental expense rate	*\$26.00 + \$5.00 = \$31.00
Step 4	Proportional Meal and Incidental Expense Rate	\$31.00

*2. PMR Voucher Computation Example: A traveler is TDY for 3 days to a conference at a CONUS location (Standard CONUS per diem rate applies). Lodging is \$55/night and GMR is \$10.80. GOV'T furnished meals are not available for the first and last day; however, two GOV'T meals are available for the second day. The AO authorizes a PMR of \$29.00 for the second day. ***NOTE: GOV'T dining facility/ mess deductions are not taken for the arrival and departure travel days (JFTR, par. U4147/JTR, par. C4553-C2).***

ITINERARY:		
Day 1	Depart Residence/Arrive TDY	
Day 2	TDY	
Day 3	Depart TDY/Arrive Residence	
REIMBURSEMENT:		
Day	Computation	Total
Day 1	*\$55 + [(\$46 (M&IE) x 75 %) = \$34.50] =	*\$ 89.50
Day 2	*\$55 + \$29 (PMR) =	*\$84.00
Day 3	*\$46 x 75% =	*\$34.50
TOTAL		*\$ 208.00